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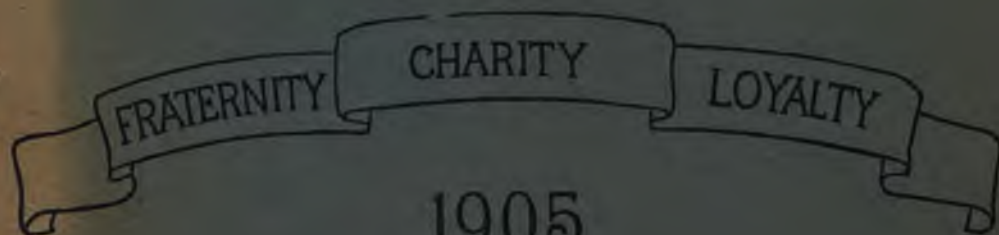
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Annie M. Warne

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The opening session of the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention of the Department of Massachusetts, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, was called to order at ten o'clock A.M. by Mrs. Annie M. Warne, Department President, in the People's Temple, Boston, Tuesday, February 14, 1905.

Mrs. Lizzie M. Richards, Department Senior Aide, led by the Color Bearers, escorted to the platform the Department Officers, Mrs. Anna Frances Fiel of F. P. H. Rogers Corps 25 of Waltham acting as pianist for the Convention by appointment of Mrs. Warne, who also announced the Color Bearers for the day: Mrs. Carrie M. Parks, Mrs. Alice P. Warren, and Mrs. Anna Fields of Waltham, and Mrs. Nellie M. Barney of Watertown.

The Department President then appointed the following to serve as Color Bearers for Wednesday: Mrs. Hattie M. Bates, Mrs. Sadie E. Holmes, Miss Amanda J. Ferry, and Mrs. N. Marion Littlefield of Huntington F. Wolcott Corps 147 of Milton.

Mrs. Warne, Department President, extended a greeting to the representatives present, and referred to the illness of Miss Sarah L. Mecuen, Department Inspector, whose presence we miss to-day.

Mrs. Warne asked the assistance of all the members in her efforts to have the work conducted promptly, and closed by saying,—

"May wise deliberations and perfect harmony be the leading features of this Convention."

Prayer by Mrs. Elizabeth P. Sawyer, Department Chaplain.

The flag salute was then given, followed by singing "America."

Rev. Charles A. Crane, D.D., pastor of the People's Temple, was present by invitation to extend a welcome to his church. He referred to the

principles upon which the Grand Army of the Republic is founded and to the righteousness of the struggle for freedom during the War for the Union, and said: "The sentiments of loyalty and patriotism which you have cherished will endure throughout the ages. We remember that struggle with gladness and sadness. We mourn the loss, but we have no animosity; but we have it fixed in our minds that our cause was just." He expressed the hope that as long as the Woman's Relief Corps of Massachusetts had an organization its annual pilgrimage will be to this temple.

Mrs. Warne, Department President: I thank Dr. Crane for his cordial words of welcome, and I thank the members for their prompt attendance, and realize that we are here for business. May kindness govern all this Convention and harmony prevail. I will announce the following appointments:—

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Mary E. Knowles Somerville.

PLATFORM AIDES.

Grace Runyan Cambridge.
Ida Bull Waltham.

POSTMISTRESS.

Maggie Richmond Cambridge.

ORGANIST.

Hattie L. Shute Cottage City.

CHIEF CONDUCTOR.

Marie J. Kendall Gardner.

ASSISTANT CONDUCTORS.

Clastine McDonald Lexington.
Abbie Hastings Cambridgeport.
Emily L. Carpenter Waltham.
Anna Jewett Lynn.
Louise L. Daggett Cottage City.
May Greene Brockton.
Josephine A. McQuinn Wakefield.
Sarah E. Southwick Springfield.
Nettie M. Schrnagle Fitchburg.
Ada A. Booth Fall River.
Minnie E. Morse Attleboro.
Carrie A. Gibbs Charlestown.
Alice G. Sears Pittsfield.
Sarah A. Fales Westboro.

CHIEF GUARD.

M. Jennie Davis Brighton.

ASSISTANT GUARDS.

Elvira Rand Waltham.
 Annie Cooper Milton.
 Evelyn Wilbur Eastondale.
 Mary A. Landt Boston.
 Abby Maynard Templeton.
 Susan E. Sheldon Rockland.
 Eliza Horricks Needham.
 Myrtie Berry Melrose.
 Phebe Baker Pembroke.
 Jennie M. Heckhman Plainville.
 Cordelia C. Morgan Lawrence.
 Emma Phillips North Attleboro.
 Mary L. Simpson Roxbury.
 Edith M. Emmons East Bridgewater.

The Conductors were requested to retire to the rear of the church, and receive their instructions and badges from the Chief Conductor.

The same instructions were given the Guards, who received their badges from the Chief Guard.

The department president then appointed the

COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES FOR DEPARTMENT CONVENTION.

Sarah E. Fuller	Past Department President.
Lizabeth A. Turner	" " "
M. Susan Goodale	" " "
S. Agnes Parker	" " "
Emma B. Lowd	" " "
Mary E. Knowles	" " "
Augusta A. Wales	" " "
Mary G. Deane	" " "
Emily L. Clark	" " "
Eva T. Cook	" " "
Emilie L. W. Waterman	" " "
Josephine A. Burdick	" " "
Angie A. Robinson	" " "
Mary L. Gilman	" " "
Maria W. Going	" " "
Dorcas H. Lyman	" " "

COMMITTEE ON SALE OF DEPARTMENT HISTORY.

Abby J. Smith Hopkinton.

PRESS COMMITTEE.

Mary E. Elliot	Department Secretary.
Elizabeth R. Berry	Department Press Correspondent
Elizabeth A. Perry	Malden.
Edith K. Estes	Medford.
Margaret J. Magennis	Boston.

COMMITTEE ON LUNCHEON.

Fannie M. Jones	Somerville.
Ruth A. Freelove	Waltham.
Elizabeth E. Hayward	South Framingham.
Sophronia K. Blanchard	Everett.
S. Lizzie Hamilton	Turners Falls.
Violet Durgin	Arlington.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Mary E. Elliot	Department Secretary.
Nellie A. Tracey	Charlestown.
Etta B. Lyon	Brighton.

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION.

Nellie F. Mecuen	Boston.
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TELEGRAMS AND MESSAGES.

Mary J. Parkhurst	Gloucester.
Annie E. Higgins	South Boston.
Etta A. Lockhart	Cambridge.
Fannie Parker	West Acton.

COMMITTEE ON GREETINGS TO THE G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

Sarah E. Fuller	Past National President.
Lizabeth A. Turner	" " "
Harriett A. Ralph	Department Senior Vice-President.

COMMITTEE ON GREETINGS TO THE SONS OF VETERANS

Mary L. Gilman	National Senior Aide.
Angie A. Robinson	Past Department President.

COMMITTEE ON GREETINGS TO THE DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

Mary A. Beal	Department Executive Board.
Kate J. Gifford	" " "

COMMITTEE ON GREETINGS TO THE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

Alice M. Goddard	Department Junior Vice-President .
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COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Maria W. Going	Past Department President.
Lydia P. Hall	Somerville.
May A. Saville	Lexington.
Mary F. Draper	Waltham.
Ella K. Boss	Fitchburg.

Department President: All past Department Presidents will please come to the platform.

The following were then officially introduced: Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, Mrs. M. Susan Goodale, Mrs. S. Agnes Parker, Mrs. Mary E. Knowles, Mrs. Eva T. Cook, Mrs. Angie A. Robinson, Mrs. Mary L. Gilman, Mrs. Maria W. Going, Mrs. Dorcas H. Lyman, and Mrs. Clara H. B. Evans.

Guests from other States were announced in waiting, and the following were introduced by the Committee on Courtesies, namely: Mrs. Carrie A. House, Department President of Connecticut, by Mrs. Turner; Mrs. Myrtie J. Olney, Department President of Rhode Island, by Mrs. Goodale. Mrs. Turner also introduced Mrs. Ella F. Burt, Department Secretary and Past Department President of Rhode Island.

These guests were escorted to the platform by the committee and Color Bearers, and formally welcomed.

The announcement being made that other guests were in waiting, the committee retired, and introduced them as follows:—

Mrs. Ida M. Montgomery, Past Department President of New Hampshire, by Mrs. Parker; Mrs. Hattie F. Ford, Past Department President of Rhode Island, by Mrs. Robinson; Mrs. Anna P. Dimond, Past Department President of New Hampshire, by Mrs. Evans.

They were also received with the flag salute, and invited to seats on the platform.

Mrs. Nellie H. Hall, Past Department Senior Vice-President of Maine, and Mrs. Ella F. B. Scott, of the Soldiers' Home Board of New York, were introduced by Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Turner respectively, and Mrs. Dunbar of Rhode Island by Mrs. Parker. All were given a cordial greeting by the Department President.

Mrs. Warne, Department President: I will now introduce the Department Aides who have rendered efficient service in the work of the year.

After the Aides were officially received Mrs. Turner moved, seconded by Mrs. Chase of Chelsea, that this session be an open one. Carried.

The roll of Convention is as follows:—

ROLL OF CONVENTION.

* Present. † Previously reported. ‡ Deceased.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	*Annie M. Warne.
<i>Senior Vice-President</i>	*Harriett A. Ralph.
<i>Junior Vice-President</i>	*Alice M. Goddard.
<i>Secretary</i>	*Mary E. Elliot.
<i>Treasurer</i>	*Sarah E. Fuller.
<i>Chaplain</i>	*Elizabeth P. Sawyer.
<i>Inspector</i>	Sarah L. Mecuen.
<i>Counsellor</i>	*Clara H. B. Evans.
<i>Instituting and Installing Officer</i>	*Hattie L. Shute.
<i>Patriotic Instructor</i>	*Mary E. Holbrooke.
<i>Press Correspondent</i>	*C. Elizabeth Berry.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

*Lue Stuart Wadsworth.	*Kate J. Gifford.
*S. Jennie Tirrell.	*Mary A. Beal.
Sarah B. Noyes.	

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS.

†Sarah E. Fuller, Medford.	†Clare H. Burleigh, Athol.
†E. Florence Barker, Malden.	*Eva T. Cook, Gloucester.
*M. Susan Goodale, Medford.	†Helen A. Brigham, Hyde Park.
*S. Agnes Parker, Brockton.	Emilie L. W. Waterman, Boston.
Emma B. Lowd, Salem.	Josephine A. Burdick, No. Adams.
*Mary E. Knowles, Somerville.	*Angie A. Robinson, Worcester.
*Augusta A. Wales, Dorchester.	*Mary L. Gilman, Roxbury.
Mary G. Deane, Fall River.	*Maria W. Going, Somerville.
Emily L. Clark, Northampton.	*Dorcas H. Lyman, Faneuil.
†Clara H. B. Evans, Pittsfield.	

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS.

<i>Past National President</i>	†E. Florence Barker, Malden.
<i>Past National President</i>	†Sarah E. Fuller, Medford.
<i>Past National President</i>	*Lizabeth A. Turner, New Britain, Ct
<i>Past National Secretary</i>	†Sarah E. Fuller, Medford.
<i>Past National Secretary</i>	*Eleanor B. Wheeler, South Boston.
<i>Past National Secretary</i>	*Harriette L. Reed, Dorchester.
<i>Past National Treasurer</i>	†Lizabeth A. Turner, New Britain, Ct.

PAST DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

<i>Past Department Secretary</i>	†Kathrina L. Beedle, Cambridge.
<i>Past Department Secretary</i>	†Sarah E. Fuller, Medford.
<i>Past Department Secretary</i>	†Pamelia F. Sprague, East Boston.
<i>Past Department Treasurer</i>	†Harriett A. Ralph, Somerville.
<i>Past Department Treasurer</i>	†Harriette L. Reed, Dorchester.

CORPS.

E. V. Sumner Corps 1, Fitchburg.

[Organized May 17, 1879.]

President	*Ella K. Boss.
Senior Vice-President	Martha A. Jordan
Junior Vice-President	Mary E. Proctor.
Past President	*Harriet H. Hoyt.
<i>Delegates</i>	
*Annie C. Shattuck.	<i>Alternates</i>
*Julia M. Rackliffe.	Josephine A. Lothrop.
	Annie Oliver.

Charles Beck Corps 2, Cambridge.

[Organized May 20, 1879.]

President	*Minnie M. Martin.
Senior Vice-President	Leonice T. Garfield.
Junior Vice-President	Alma M. Conant.
Past President	*Grace B. Runyan.
<i>Delegate</i>	
*Leonice T. Garfield.	<i>Alternate</i>
	Cappilia M. Ladd.

John A. Hawes Corps 3, East Boston.

[Organized Oct. 12, 1883.]

President	*Frances E. Somerby.
Senior Vice-President	H. Louise Howard.
Junior Vice-President	Sarah J. Littlejohn.
Past President	*Georgia A. Hill.
<i>Delegates</i>	
*Annie H. Jones.	<i>Alternates</i>
*Amelia E. Stewart.	H. Louise Howard.
	Lillian E. Hurie.

Everett Peabody Corps 4, Georgetown.

[Organized April 2, 1883.]

President	Ellen A. Adams.
Senior Vice-President	Emily Clark.
Junior Vice-President	Edith Woodbury.
Past President	Sarah J. Hall.
<i>Delegate</i>	
Letitia Noyes.	<i>Alternate</i>
	M. Lizzie Christian.

S. C. Lawrence Corps 5, Medford.

[Organized May 27, 1879.]

President	*Ella J. Fuller.
Senior Vice-President	Minnie Dunnells.
Junior Vice-President	Hattie S. Berry.
Past President	*Mary J. Bean.

<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
*Carrie E. Young.	Carrie Cunningham.
*Fannie E. Palmer.	Susie M. C. Spinney.

P. T. Wyman Corps 6, Holliston.

[Organized Jan. 5, 1882.]

President	*Ada F. Bullard.
Senior Vice-President	Addie S. Gage.
Junior Vice-President	Carrie A. Pond.
Past President	*Helen A. Andrews.

<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Mary Cutting.	Amelia Russell.

Fletcher Webster Corps 7, Brockton.

[Organized Oct. 29, 1879.]

President	*Mary E. Alger.
Senior Vice-President	Effie A. Royce.
Junior Vice-President	Jennie Newcome.
Past President	*Octavia C. Blair.

<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
*Hattie French.	*Alice De Costa.
*Katherine Sullivan.	Leafy B. Waters.
*Maria C. Fullerton.	Addie M. Bunker.
*Lucy Ide.	Emily A. Rines.
Jennie Taber.	Aurilla Dawes.

E. W. Pierce Corps 8, Middleboro.

[Organized Jan. 12, 1885.]

President	*Sarah A. Banks.
Senior Vice President	Mary E. Day.
Junior Vice-President	Abbie F. McAllister.
Past President	*Edith A. Cobb.

<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
*Clara A. Clapp.	Lizzie Pierce.
*Mary E. Day.	Susan M. Alden.

Major Geo. L. Stearns Corps 9, Charlestown.

[Organized Oct. 16, 1879.]

President	*Minnie A. Childs.
Senior Vice-President	Annie M. Rushforth.
Junior Vice-President	Janet Hilton.
Past President	*Maggie M. Jones.

<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
*Ellen M. Bench.	Elizabeth Nichols.
*Ida Dillingham.	*Bessie Noyes.

Theodore Winthrop Corps 10, Chelsea.

[Organized Oct. 23, 1879.]

President	*S. Jessie Crowell.
Senior Vice-President.	Alice L. Lincoln.
Junior Vice-President	Nellie Fernald.
Past President	*Lizzie Venables.

Delegates

*Angie B. Chase.
*Lizzie Sargent.

Alternates

Emma Jerauld.
Almira Lakin.

George H. Ward Corps 11, Worcester.

[Organized May 4, 1883.]

President	*S. Elmira Hunt.
Senior Vice-President	Fannie B. Allen.
Junior Vice-President	Abbie A. Whitecomb.
Past President	*Jessie W. Lowell

Delegates

*Mary F. Wood.
*Abbie A. Hall.
*J. Victoria Simmons.
*Annie M. Wetherbee.
*Jennie E. Ward.

Alternates

Ellen M. Walker.
Addie B. Scott.
Helen E. Smith.
Cornelia Hooker.
Georgia H. Bolster.

Ward Corps 12, Danvers.

[Organized April 12, 1883.]

President	*Sarah E. Bates.
Senior Vice-President	Lillie E. Tibbetts.
Junior Vice-President	Sarah E. Fisk.
Past President	Louise Scampton.

Delegates

*Jennie L. Waite.
*Lizzie F. Gould.

Alternates

*Susan Stetson.
Mary Wiggin.

D. Willard Robinson Corps 13, Norwell.

[Organized May 6, 1885.]

President	*Eunice W. Studley.
Senior Vice-President	Maria A. Goodrich.
Junior Vice-President	Mary J. Pool.
Past President	Rebecca H. Totman.

Delegate

*Eunice A. Loring.

Alternate

Lucy E. Ford.

E. K. Wilcox Corps 14, Springfield.

[Organized Feb. 26, 1880.]

President	*Cora J. Knox.
Senior Vice-President	Sarah J. Haskins.
Junior Vice-President	Mary J. Cullumns.
Past President	*Alice E. Chapman.

Delegates

*Carrie Emerson.
 *Elizabeth Stratton.
 *Emily Lombra.
 Sarah A. Eaton.

Alternates

*Mary E. Anderson.
 Ida Brown.
 Ellen M. Bemis.
 Alice M. Fairbanks.

Col. Prescott Corps 15, Ashland.

[Organized April 12, 1880.]

President	*L. Estelle Carpenter.
Senior Vice-President	Grace Frankland.
Junior Vice-President	Alma Greenwood.
Past President	Helen M. Metcalf.

Delegate

Clara Cutter.

Alternate

Martha Higley.

U. S. Grant Corps 16, Melrose.

[Organized Jan. 6, 1881.]

President	*Etta K. Cook.
Senior Vice-President	Alice B. Gammage.
Junior Vice-President	Alice G. Carlton.
Past President	*S. Ada Blanchard.

Delegate

*Alice G. Carlton.

Alternate

Susan Brown.

Gen. Sedgwick Corps 17, Orange.

[Organized June 12, 1888.]

President	*Rosalie Rugg.
Senior Vice-President	Maria C. Foster.
Junior Vice-President	Ida M. Parsons.
Past President	*Emily C. Wheeler.

Delegates

*Lottie A. Barker.
 *Helen A. Whittemore.

Alternates

K. Muriel Brazer.
 Emily C. Wheeler.

W. L. Baker Corps 18, Northampton.

[Organized May 13, 1885.]

President	*Rhoda S. Eldredge.
Senior Vice-President	Harriet S. Goodwin.
Junior Vice-President	Martha A. Wright.
Past President	Katherine S. Barrett.

Delegates

*Martha A. Wright.
*Kate C. Clapp.

Alternates

Emma Hubbard.
Jennie M. Harris.

E. P. Wallace Corps 19, Amesbury.

[Organized Jan. 27, 1882.]

President	*Martha A. Silloway.
Senior Vice-President	Annie E. Elkins.
Junior Vice-President	Lillian F. Merrill.
Past President	*Marion C. Hovey.

Delegates

*Ada Boardman.
*Lizzie Morrill.

Alternates

Emma Wing.
Sarah Bush.

Dahlgren Corps 20, South Boston.

[Organized April 10, 1882.]

President	*Emma B. O'Brien.
Senior Vice-President	Annie F. Wiley.
Junior Vice-President	Hattie A. Callahan.
Past President	*Annie E. Higgins.

Delegate

*Hattie M. Tuttle.

Alternate

Abbie J. Bussell.

Willard C. Kinsley Corps 21, Somerville.

[Organized May 11, 1882.]

President	*Annie Hammett.
Senior Vice-President	Daisy Skelton.
Junior Vice-President	Alice J. Dolbear.
Past President	*Helen A. Lambirth.

Delegates

*Emma Weston.
*Lydia P. Hall.
Emma F. Hutchinson.

Alternates

Flora Cragie.
Sarah O. Thurston.
*Margaret Hale.

Lyon Corps 22, Westfield.

[Organized Dec. 15, 1882.]

President	Mary E. Furrows.
Senior Vice-President	*Eva Bancroft.
Junior Vice-President	Nellie Jackman.
Past President	Lizzie J. Walton.

Delegate

*Eva Bancroft.

Alternate

Hattie C. Clapp.

John Goodwin, Jr., Corps 23, Marblehead.

[Organized April 4, 1885.]

President	*Maria Wooldridge.
Senior Vice-President	Fannie C. King.
Junior Vice-President	Mary C. Pierce.
Past President	*Mary A. Cooper.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Grace E. Rogers.	Mary E. Marden.

Col. C. R. Mudge Corps 24, Merrimac.

[Organized Jan. 26, 1883.]

President	*Abby M. Bly
Senior Vice-President	Florence R. Judkins
Junior Vice-President	Emily Berry.
Past President	Elvira D. Churchill.
<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
*Georgia M. Hardwicke.	Stella M. Gunnison.
Florence R. Judkins.	Ella F. Haskell.

F. P. H. Rogers Corps 25, Waltham.

[Organized Jan. 19, 1883.]

President	*Mary E. Draper.
Senior Vice-President	Emily L. Carpenter.
Junior Vice-President	Mary Dutch.
Past President	*Sarah J. Rice.
<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
*Marietta Chipman.	Ida S. Bull.
*Lucy Carpenter.	Elizabeth Adams
Sarah E. Munroe.	*Elizabeth Millen.

A. W. Bartlett Corps 26, Newburyport.

[Organized Feb. 14, 1883.]

President	*Sarah L. Colthrup.
Senior Vice-President	Mary E. Bartlett.
Junior Vice-President	Etta Whitmore.
Past President	Mary G. Plummer.
<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
*Martha R. Adams.	Margaret Ewin.
*Lucy H. Grant.	Blanche P. Jones.

William H. Smart Corps 27, Cambridgeport.

[Organized Feb. 16, 1883.]

President	*Helen F. Mullett.
Senior Vice-President	Hattie S. Gott.
Junior Vice-President	Myra M. Pike.
Past President	Mary A. Donovan.
<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
*Mary A. Parke.	Hattie Phetteplace.
*Ellen M. Murray	Mary McDowell.

Charles Russell Lowell Corps 28, Boston.

[Organized March 9, 1883.]

President	*Lizzie F. Masse.
Senior Vice-President	*Hattie A. Parker.
Junior Vice-President	Leah Dill.
Past President	*M. Belle Martin.

Delegates

*Elizabeth A. Killian.
*Margaret J. Butler.

Alternates

Lucinda C. Pike.
Ellen E. Rawson.

Gen. Lander Corps 29, Lynn.

[Organized Feb. 20, 1883.]

President	*Ella J. Johnson.
Senior Vice-President	Annie M. Flynn.
Junior Vice-President	Clara L. Perry.
Past President	*Millie F. Willey.

Delegates

*Villie Hitchings.
*Emma E. Willey.
*Emma P. Ward.
*Marianna Putnam.
*Maria E. Taylor.

Alternates

H. Abbie Sawyer.
Annie M. Flynn.
Jennie W. Allen.
Lucy A. Russell.
Emma E. Bessom.

John H. Chipman Corps 30, Beverly.

[Organized May 28, 1883.]

President	*Sarah A. White.
Senior Vice-President	Mary A. Pedrick.
Junior Vice-President	Delia Maguire.
Past President	*Sarah L. Wallis.

Delegates

*Frances Murray.
Lucy Taylor.
*Nellie Currior.

Alternates

*Caroline Spear.
Mary Burnham.
Louisa Hannus.

Charles H. Stevens Corps 31, Leominster.

[Organized Dec. 29, 1885.]

President	*H. Elvira Gilson.
Senior Vice-President	Emma D. Perham.
Junior Vice-President	Nellie L. Allen.
Past President	*Anna E. Houghton.

Delegates

*Ella B. Miller.
Lillian A. Davidson.
*Etta L. Houghton.

Alternates

*Lilla B. Bates.
Nellie G. Tisdale.
Maria Larrabee.

Charles D. Sanford Corps 32, North Adams.

[Organized Sept. 18, 1883.]

President	*Mary J. Reynolds.
Senior Vice-President	Annis Snyder.
Junior Vice-President	Mary Cady.
Past President	*Katherine Barclay.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Clara Welton.	Martha Cheesbro.

James A. Garfield Corps 33, Lowell.

[Organized Nov. 21, 1883.]

President	*Louise H. Blood.
Senior Vice-President	*Jennie G. Cornell.
Junior Vice-President	*Martha A. Fife.
Past President	*Elvira E. Gladwin.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Helen A. Hastings.	Mary E. Offutt.

Phil H. Sheridan Corps 34, Salem.

[Organized Sept. 7, 1883.]

President	*Lizzie H. Littlefield.
Senior Vice-President	Sarah F. Dore.
Junior Vice-President	Elizabeth M. Dunn.
Past President	Florence Haynes.
<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
*Eliza S. Allard.	Annie T. Harris.
*Augusta L. Full.	Maria Hurley.
*Elizabeth M. Dunn.	Annie E. Eaton.

Timothy Ingraham Corps 35, Hyde Park.

[Organized Feb. 18, 1884.]

President	*Abbie J. Smith.
Senior Vice-President	*Ella F. Long.
Junior Vice-President	Katie Freeman.
Past President	*Emma L. Davis.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Mary T. Cobb.	Frances Carrington.

E. A. Andrews Corps 36, Shrewsbury.

[Organized Feb. 21, 1884.]

President	*Ellen A. Rice.
Senior Vice-President	Nettie B. Foster.
Junior Vice-President	Susan E. Winchester.
Past President	*M. Jennie Ball.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Nellie M. Hubbard.	Nettie B. Foster.

W. W. Rockwell Corps 37, Pittsfield.

[Organized April 23, 1884.]

President	†Clara H. B. Evans.
Senior Vice-President	Mary S. Zeigler.
Junior Vice-President	Lucina Parker.
Past President	*Chloe M. Barnes

Delegates

Mary E. Dickie.
*Julia A. Sears.

Alternates

Lydia A. Loynes
*Carrie E. Ray.

Gen. Kilpatrick Corps 38, Holyoke.

[Organized April 10, 1884.]

President	*M. Annie Smith.
Senior Vice-President	Ellen E. Alderman.
Junior Vice-President	Martha Shaw.
Past President	Harriet L. Clark.

Delegates

*Amelia J. Dean.
*Adaline P. Snell.

Alternates

Martha Shaw.
Elizabeth Holden.

Abraham Lincoln Corps 39, Charlestown.

[Organized April 22, 1884.]

President	*Ida L. Thompson.
Senior Vice-President	O. Augusta Prescott
Junior Vice-President	Maria J. Kimball.
Past President	Sarah A. Sewall.

Delegates

S. Carrie Cross.
*Nellie A. Tracy.

Alternates

*Charlotte Bacon.
Emma W. Huff.

James A. Perkins Corps 40, Everett.

[Organized May 22, 1884.]

President	*Kate E. Bray.
Senior Vice-President	Sadie G. Phipps.
Junior Vice-President	Hattie Hess.
Past President	*Augusta K. Pettingill.

Delegate

*M. Lizzie Bullock.

Alternate

Almeda Chaplin.

E. P. Carpenter Corps 41, Foxboro.

[Organized April 11, 1884.]

President	*Marion W. Comey.
Senior Vice-President	Jennie E. Pierce.
Junior Vice-President	S. Ellen Jewett.
Past President	*Alice P. Smith.

Delegate

*Mary B. Folsom.

Alternate

Abbie L. Jewett.

Gen. James Appleton Corps 42, Ipswich.

[Organized May 19, 1884.]

President	*Lizzie B. Tilton.
Senior Vice-President	M. Abby Danforth.
Junior Vice-President	Nettie S. Fewkes.
Past President	*Mary S. Langdon.

Delegates

*Anna F. Nichols.
*Elizabeth B. Boynton.

Alternates

S. Lizzie Rand.
Sarah E. Fewkes.

Francis Gould Corps 43, Arlington.

[Organized June 19, 1884.]

President	*Georgia P. Jacobs.
Senior Vice-President	Mary A. Willard.
Junior Vice-President	*Sarah A. Whittier.
Past President	Carrie M. Fowle.

Delegate

*Carolyn R. Morse.

Alternate

Mary A. Willard.

David Church Corps 44, Marshfield.

[Organized Jan. 4, 1893.]

President	Mary W. Damon.
Senior Vice-President	Meribah E. Ewell.
Junior Vice-President	Evelyn B. Rogers.
Past President	*Lizzie C. Lauriat.

Delegate

*Lulu H. Apollonio.

Alternate

Alma Eames.

William A. Streeter Corps 45, Attleboro.

[Organized Sept. 18, 1884.]

President	*Sarah H. Smith.
Senior Vice-President	Sarah A. Harris.
Junior Vice-President	Jennie P. Smith.
Past President	Lilla F. Crosby.

Delegate

*Mary P. Holbrook.

Alternate

Minnie Moore.

Gen. E. W. Hincks Corps 46, Saugus.

[Organized Jan. 16, 1884.]

President	*Bertha B. Mansfield.
Senior Vice-President	Mary E. Rodman.
Junior Vice-President	May Symonds.
Past President	Ella V. Little.

Delegate

Emma F. Mansfield.

Alternate

Frances Wiggin.

Justin Dimick Corps 47, East Bridgewater.

[Organized Jan. 16, 1885.]

President	*Sylvia A. Nash.
Senior Vice-President	Mariana Hall.
Junior Vice-President	Emily T. Smellie.
Past President	*Alice J. Trowbridge.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Ella S. Small.	Mariana Hall.

H. S. Greenleaf Corps 48, Colerain.

[Organized April 28, 1886.]

President	Edith M. Smith.
Senior Vice-President	Mary E. Pierce.
Junior Vice-President	Bertha S. Shippen.
Past President	Olive E. Howard.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Ida A. Purrington.	Flora A. Smith

George S. Boutwell Corps 49, Ayer.

[Organized Jan. 26, 1885.]

President	*Nina B. Lovejoy.
Senior Vice-President	Emma Turck.
Junior Vice-President	Lucy M. Parsons.
Past President	Louise P. Kennison.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Millie M. Beverly.	Lizzie A. Sartelle.

Union Corps 50, Peabody.

[Organized May 27, 1885.]

President	H. Alice Tuttle.
Senior Vice-President	Elizabeth T. McCarthy.
Junior Vice-President	*Ella C. Wright.
Past President	*Mary O. Stevens.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Minnie A. Osborne.	Annie Sanger.

J. C. Freeman Corps 51, Provincetown.

[Organized March 31, 1885.]

President	Annie Y. Cook.
Senior Vice-President	Mary E. Ellis.
Junior Vice-President	Mary Burch.
Past President	Salome C. Hawes.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
Emily T. Dearborn.	Mary Burch.

A. B. Randall Corps 52, Eastondale.

[Organized May 15, 1888.]

President	*Mamie L. Willis.
Senior Vice-President	Sarah H. Thayer.
Junior Vice-President	Sarah Smith.
Past President	H. Frances Lackay.

Delegate

*Nettie M. Lambert.

Alternate

Jennie M. Cobbett.

William Logan Rodman Corps 53, New Bedford.

[Organized Sept. 27, 1885.]

President	*Minnie F. Taber.
Senior Vice-President	Etta A. Clark.
Junior Vice-President	Harriet M. Slosson.
Past President	S. Ella Card.

Delegate

Nannie L. Simmons.

Alternate

*Etta A. Clark.

E. Brigham Piper Corps 54, Walpole.

[Organized Sept. 28, 1885.]

President	*Alma V. Fisher.
Senior Vice-President	Nellie Gardner.
Junior Vice-President	Jennie Barlow.
Past President	*Maria L. Brummitt.

Delegate

*Martha M. Allen.

Alternate

Nellie Gardner.

Needham Corps 55, Lawrence.

[Organized Oct. 7, 1885.]

President	*Henrietta Crossley.
Senior Vice-President	Hattie M. Wells.
Junior Vice-President	Emeline Smith.
Past President	*Minerva L. Congdon.

Delegates

*Mary F. Johnston.

*Mary J. McClarey.

Alternate

Emeline Smith.

Clara J. Sylvester.

Ozro Miller Corps 56, Shelburne Falls.

[Organized Nov. 6, 1885.]

President	*Luella Meckins.
Senior Vice-President	Mary I. Ladd.
Junior Vice-President	Mary E. Shaw.
Past President	Edith G. Jones.

Delegate

*Mellond Avery.

Alternate

Lucy Sommers.

Edwin E. Day Corps 57, Greenfield.

[Organized Nov. 13, 1885.]

President	Carrie E. Betts.
Senior Vice-President	Edith M. Parmenter.
Junior Vice-President	Lima T. Horton.
Past President	Ellen M. Potter.

Delegates

*Calista A. Holden.
*Elsie I. Ballou.

Alternates

*Ella M. Mogle.
Nettie C. Frary.

George C. Strong Corps 58, Easthampton.

[Organized Dec. 7, 1885.]

President	Louise S. Shepard.
Senior Vice-President	Helen A. Buzzee.
Junior Vice-President	Maria E. Matthews.
Past President	Lizzie M. Strong.

Delegate

Agnes E. Sutherland.

Alternate

Katie A. Pratt.

Isaac B. Patten Corps 59, Watertown.

[Organized Nov. 30, 1885.]

President	*Agnes Lydiard.
Senior Vice-President	Sarah Fish.
Junior Vice-President	Laura J. Brock.
Past President	*Carrie B. Livermore.

Delegate

*Margaret McGlauffin.

Alternate

Ella F. Barney.

Edwin Humphrey Corps 60, Hingham.

[Organized Dec. 17, 1885.]

President	*Helen M. Wilder.
Senior Vice-President	Abby J. Gould.
Junior Vice-President	Melissa Sprague.
Past President	*Hattie A. Morse.

Delegates

*Augusta E. Brewer.
*Martha C. Wakefield.

Alternates

Susie Cross.
Sarah Leighton.

John Rogers Corps 61, Mansfield.

[Organized Jan. 6, 1886.]

President	*Lena B. Hibbert.
Senior Vice-President	Helen M. Hardin.
Junior Vice-President	Hester A. Chadwick.
Past President	Augusta M. Shepard.

Delegate

*Lottie M. Hinkley.

Alternate

Lizzie A. Stearns.

Isaac Davis Corps 62, West Acton.

[Organized Jan. 30, 1886.]

President	*Kate W. Sawyer.
Senior Vice-President	Olive E. Howe.
Junior Vice-President	Josephine M. Fletcher.
Past President	Sara R. Richardson.

Delegates

*Mary J. Lawrence.
Sarah A. Hutchins.

Alternates

*Josephine M. Fletcher.
A. Isabell Ford.

Thomas G. Stevenson Corps 63, Roxbury.

[Organized Jan. 25, 1886.]

President	*Mary A. White.
Senior Vice-President	Jennie L. Richmond.
Junior Vice-President	Frankie M. Bowman.
Past President	*Grace J. Fitts.

Delegates

*Carrie M. Ryan.
*Elizabeth I. Strittmatter.
Jane A. Daly.

Alternates

*Sarah E. Davis.
Emily M. Scholl.
Maria A. Thompson.

Manton E. Taft Corps 64, Turners Falls.

[Organized Feb. 15, 1886.]

President	*Lucy M. Hall.
Senior Vice-President	Nellie Harrington.
Junior Vice-President	Lucetta Sweeley.
Past President	Celestia Porter.

Delegate

*Ellen Morrison.

Alternate

Emma Barton.

J. P. Gould Corps 65, Stoneham.

[Organized July 30, 1903.]

President	*Grace A. Richardson.
Senior Vice-President	Bertha Wilson.
Junior Vice-President	Olive V. Marr.
Past President	*Ida E. Flanders.

Delegates

Olive V. Marr.
*Louise C. Willey.

Alternates

Judith B. Lincoln
Belle F. Moulton.

P. Stearns Davis Corps 66, East Cambridge.

[Organized Feb. 22, 1886.]

President	*Josephine Walsh.
Senior Vice-President	Gertrude H. McDonald.
Junior Vice-President	Ellen Reardon.
Past President	*Mary A. Walker.

Delegates

*Eva M. Kneeland.
*Adelia Adams.

Alternates

Etta A. Lockhart.
Celestine Altmiller.

Robert A. Bell Corps 67, Boston.

[Organized Feb. 25, 1886.]

President	*Mary L. Phillips.
Senior Vice-President	Sarah Johnson.
Junior Vice-President	Elizabeth Weeks.
Past President	*Sadie Smith.

Delegate
*Venus Clarke.

Alternate
Elizabeth Smith.

Benj. Stone Corps 68, Dorchester.

[Organized Feb. 23, 1886.]

President	*Annie D. Perkins.
Senior Vice-President	Emily M. Heald.
Junior Vice-President	Ellen A. Gardner.
Past President	*Hattie C. McIntyre.

Delegates
*Carrie L. Hatch.
*Lottie E. Moulton.
*Margaret C. Hall.

Alternates
Mary F. Jenness.
Isabella Thompson.
Mary E. Hunt.

H. M. Warren Corps 69, Wakefield.

[Organized March 17, 1886.]

President	*Minnie F. Gihon.
Senior Vice-President	S. Belle Atherton.
Junior Vice-President	Florence A. Barker.
Past President	*Jennie Pendergrace.

Delegates
*Susie A. Crosby.
Mary A. Lufkin.

Alternates
*Alma C. Parker.
Mary I. Brown.

Clara Barton Corps 70, Warren.

[Organized May 6, 1886.]

President	*Mary E. Jennings.
Senior Vice-President	Ellen Whiteside.
Junior Vice-President	*Lottie M. Rice.
Past President	Hattie A. Joyce.

Delegate
*Lucy M. Keith.

Alternate
Nancy Brown.

Malcolm Ammidown Corps 71, Southbridge.

[Organized May 27, 1886.]

President	*Laura E. Reynolds.
Senior Vice-President	Harriet Comberback.
Junior Vice-President	Edwina Sargent.
Past President	Frederika Schomburg.

Delegate
*Elizabeth Wardle.

Alternate
Emily Comberback.

Major E. F. Fletcher Corps 72, Milford.

[Organized May 27, 1886.]

President	*Ida R. Havner.
Senior Vice-President	Anna L. Bell.
Junior Vice-President	Sarah I. Birch.
Past President	Hattie A. Westcott.

Delegates

*Annie E. Gerry.
 *Affie M. Bennett.
 *Jennie L. Bent.

Alternates

Callie Keane.
 Nellie Gaskill.
 Cora Johnson.

Joe. Johnson Corps 73, Northboro.

[Organized June 24, 1886.]

President	*A. Gertrude Covell.
Senior Vice-President	Charlotte A. Whitcomb.
Junior Vice-President	Mary M. Bailey.
Past President	*Hattie M. Warren

Delegate

C. Jennie Dodge.

Alternate

Emily P. Gay.

George H. Maintien Corps 74, Plainville.

[Organized Oct. 19, 1886.]

President	*Katherine E. Morse.
Senior Vice-President	Elizabeth J. Maintien.
Junior Vice-President	Bertha J. Pond.
Past President	Lydia F. Wheeler.

Delegate

*Catherine Cheever.

Alternate

Annie C. Moore.

B. F. Butler Corps 75, Lowell.

[Organized Feb. 5, 1895.]

President	*Helena M. Quinn.
Senior Vice-President	Delia Goss.
Junior Vice-President	Josephine P. MacDonald.
Past President	Elizabeth T. Beane.

Delegate

*Josephine P. MacDonald.

Alternate

Jane Worden.

L. L. Merrick Corps 76, Palmer.

[Organized Nov. 19, 1886.]

President	*Lavinia E. Carpenter.
Senior Vice-President	Augusta Thompson.
Junior Vice-President	Laura Calkins.
Past President	Ellen M. Barnes.

Delegate

*Abbie J. Lawton.

Alternate

Emma A. Gunn.

Col. Allen Corps 77, Gloucester.

[Organized Dec. 29, 1886.]

President	*Genevieve Cook.
Senior Vice-President	Seddie E. Stevens.
Junior Vice-President	*S. Lizzie Richardson.
Past President	*Martha A. Nichols.

Delegates

*Mary Bride Beck.
*Jennie L. Story.

Alternates

*Maud L. Rogers.
Sarah E. Watson.

George K. Bird Corps 78, Norwood.

[Organized July 27, 1887.]

President	*Mary E. Bucknam.
Senior Vice-President	Carrie E. Dexter.
Junior Vice-President	Delia J. Chamberlain.
Past President	*Lillian M. Williamson.

Delegate

*Frances Fuller.

Alternate

Georgie May Lothrop.

Francis Washburn Corps 79, Brighton.

[Organized Jan. 11, 1887.]

President	*Lizzie E. Jose.
Senior Vice-President	Fannie E. Wheeler.
Junior Vice-President	M. Jennie Jewett.
Past President	*Etta B. Lyon.

Delegates

*Freda Heuser.
*Mercy A. Wolff.

Alternates

Fannie E. Jordan.
Abbie L. Perry.

Arthur G. Biscoe Corps 80, Westboro.

[Organized Jan. 4, 1887.]

President	*Abbie M. Blatchford.
Senior Vice-President	Jennie B. Fay.
Junior Vice-President	Anna Warren.
Past President	*Alice A. Pierce.

Delegate

Emily H. Blake.

Alternate

*Sarah A. Fales.

E. J. Griggs Corps 81, Belchertown.

[Organized Jan. 6, 1888.]

President	*Viola I. Shaw.
Senior Vice-President	Mary L. Plaintiff.
Junior Vice-President	Lydia A. Barton.
Past President	Mary S. Shumway.

Delegate

*Addie Hodgkins.

Alternate

Marett C. West.

Hubbard V. Smith Corps 82, Athol.

[Organized Feb. 27, 1887.]

President	*Addie M. Heustis.
Senior Vice-President	Nellie F. Morse.
Junior Vice-President	Almeda J. Salls.
Past President	*Julia A. Hamilton.

Delegates

*Annie B. Howard.
 *Hattie D. Bryant.
 *Sybil C. Tolman.

Alternates

Martha J. Smith.
 Isadore S. Gasset.
 Emma A. Pitts.

E. S. Clark Corps 83, Groton.

[Organized May 21, 1894.]

President	*Maria Bowers.
Senior Vice-President	Mary Dresser Boynton.
Junior Vice-President	Annie Falkins.
Past President	*Hittie G. Harrington.

Delegate

*Annie Gilson.

Alternate

Lizzie Parker.

Burbank Corps 84, Woburn.

[Organized March 17, 1887.]

President	*Margaret Henderson.
Senior Vice-President	Emma Taylor.
Junior Vice-President	*Alice Holt.
Past President	*Henrietta A. Dickinson.

Delegates

*Eunice Humphrey.
 *Mary E. Newhall.

Alternates

Addie Buchman.
 Emma Taylor.

Galen Orr Corps 85, Needham.

[Organized March 21, 1887.]

President	*Ella M. Horrocks.
Senior Vice-President	Mary Hatch.
Junior Vice-President	Mary Light.
Past President	*Abbie E. Stanton.

Delegate

*Sarah J. Gould.

Alternate

Jane Upham.

Thomas M. Gardner Corps 86, Nantucket.

[Organized April 1, 1897.]

President	Lizzie A. Bartlett.
Senior Vice-President	Lillie R. Thomas.
Junior Vice-President	Carrie L. Barney.
Past President	Cora N. Collins

Delegates

Caroline Smith.
 Elsie Remsen.

Alternates

Lydia B. Smith.
 Carrie L. Barney.

Charles Sumner Corps 87, Groveland.

[Organized March 31, 1887.]

President	*Grace A. Smith.
Senior Vice-President	Alice M. Fowler.
Junior Vice-President	Lizzie Stocker.
Past President	Sarah E. Hopkinson.

Delegate

*Florence Webber.

Alternate

Hattie K. Sargent.

Friedrich Hecker Corps 88, Boston.

[Organized Oct. 20, 1896.]

President	*Josephine Gebhard.
Senior Vice-President	Louisa Bachhoff.
Junior Vice-President	Caroline Henzler.
Past President	*Louise H. Mees.

Delegate

*Lena M. W. Snow.

Alternate

Elizabeth T. Kirchgassner.

Franklin Corps 89, Franklin.

[Organized June 15, 1891.]

President	*Hattie B. Haslam.
Senior Vice-President	Nellie S. Ingalls.
Junior Vice-President	Agnes M. Bright.
Past President	*Hattie E. Turner.

Delegate

*Carolyn Frost.

Alternate

Hattie E. Mason.

D. G. Farragut Corps 90, Gardner.

[Organized May 17, 1887.]

President	Mary H. Lathrop.
Senior Vice-President	Cora M. L. Kendall.
Junior Vice-President	*Cora B. Knowlton.
Past President	*Almira E. Pierce.

Delegates

*Jessie M. Hinds.

*Gertrude E. Coburn.

Alternates

Maria J. Crabtree.

Carrie E. M. Coleman.

Washington Corps 91, South Boston.

[Organized Oct. 9, 1893.]

President	Josephine Mahoney.
Senior Vice-President	Hattie Donovan.
Junior Vice-President	*Mary Durand.
Past President	Katherine F. Healy.

Delegate

Florence E. Lord.

Alternate

*Mary Norton.

Armstrong Corps 92, Montague.

[Organized June 22, 1887.]

President	J. Cora Gordon.
Senior Vice-President	Stella Stebbins.
Junior Vice-President	Mary Scott.
Past President	Josie Sewall.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
Josie Sewall.	Abbie Wilder.

Preston Corps 93, Beverly Farms.

[Organized Oct. 14, 1887.]

President	*Grace Gould.
Senior Vice-President	Fannie Elliott.
Junior Vice-President	Nellie Pike.
Past President	*Mary A. Wood.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Lillian Standley.	Lydia E. Williams.

Gen. S. Thayer Corps 94, Braintree.

[Organized Nov. 14, 1887.]

President	Sarah J. Crosby.
Senior Vice-President	Maria E. Woodsum.
Junior Vice-President	Sarah A. Vining.
Past President	*Mary E. Bangs.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Margaret V. Carmichael.	Carrie E. Fisher.

Richard A. Pierce Corps 95, New Bedford.

[Organized Jan. 3, 1891.]

President	*Mary M. H. Washburn.
Senior Vice-President	Sarah P. Robbins.
Junior Vice-President	Elizabeth R. Bartlett.
Past President	†Elizabeth P. Sawyer.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
Susan N. Soule.	*Lucy R. Lawrence.

Major How Corps 96, Haverhill.

[Organized Jan. 23, 1889.]

President	*Sarah E. Brown.
Senior Vice-President	Mary A. Fitts.
Junior Vice-President	Myrtie P. Demerett.
Past President	*Elizabeth A. Harlow.
<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Mary H. Norton.	Mary Nason.
Williamine Luffer.	Sarah M. Batchelder.
*Susan Hall.	Lizzie Hall.

Gen. George G. Meade Corps 97, Lexington.

[Organized Jan. 10, 1888.]

President	*Sarah E. Cormley.
Senior Vice-President	Emily A. Bacon.
Junior Vice-President	Agnes Packard.
Past President	*May A. Saville.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Ellen Locke.	Mattie A. Gurney.

Francis A. Clary Corps 98, Conway.

[Organized Jan. 18, 1888.]

President	Almeda G. Mann.
Senior Vice-President	Louisa Hassell.
Junior Vice-President	Eliza Nye.
Past President	Mary R. Bradford.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
Elizabeth Hassell.	Mattie J. Dill.

A. St. John Chambre Corps 99, Stoughton.

[Organized Jan. 30, 1888.]

President	*Mabel H. Porter.
Senior Vice-President	Maria A. Holmes.
Junior Vice-President	Mary E. Carr.
Past President	Jennie E. Stevens.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Mabel W. Griggs.	Nellie B. Tatten.

Revere Corps 100, Canton.

[Organized July 19, 1892.]

President	*Josephine M. Fuller.
Senior Vice-President	Maria Knights.
Junior Vice-President	Ellen Kelley.
Past President	*Abbie M. Dean.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Roxie R. Hunt.	Harriet F. Holmes.

Gilman C. Parker Corps 101, Winchendon.

[Organized March 9, 1888.]

President	*Belle A. Russell.
Senior Vice-President	Emily Sawtelle.
Junior Vice-President	Lucretia Sawyer.
Past President	Lettie A. Wheeler.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Emily Sawtelle.	Susie Brown.

Reynolds Corps 102, Weymouth.

[Organized Jan. 31, 1893.]

President	*Addie W. Raymond.
Senior Vice-President	Mary C. Stoddard.
Junior Vice-President	Mary E. Mahoney.
Past President	*Junie B. Morrill.

Delegates

*Sara E. Cain.
 *Margaret C. Cully.
 *Flora D. Bicknell.
 *Helen C. Cushing.

Alternates

Agnes F. Baldwin.
 Eunice Rowell.
 *Emeline Vining.
 Harriet Litchfield.

Paul Revere Corps 103, Quincy.

[Organized May 7, 1888.]

President	*Jennie Ewell.
Senior Vice-President	Annie G. Grignon.
Junior Vice-President	Edith B. Wolfe.
Past President	*Mary A. Fox.

Delegate

*Eliza A. Penniman.

Alternate

Mary A. H. Crane.

Gen. Horace C. Lee Corps 104, Huntington.

[Organized May 15, 1888.]

President	*Augusta E. Fisk.
Senior Vice-President	Ellen B. Higgins.
Junior Vice-President	Elvira V. Warfield.
Past President	

Delegate

Elvira V. Warfield.

Alternate

*Sarah A. Hayden.

J. Orson Fiske Corps 105, Upton.

[Organized July 19, 1888.]

President	*Jennie L. Bailey.
Senior Vice-President	*Elnora F. Hanson.
Junior Vice-President	Esmeralda Parshley.
Past President	Myrtice S. King.

Delegate

Elsie S. Wood.

Alternate

Elnora Hanson.

Richard Borden Corps 106, Fall River.

[Organized May 21, 1888.]

President	*Lura V. Booth.
Senior Vice-President	Lizzie Atwood.
Junior Vice-President	Helen Sullivan.
Past President	*Frances E. Jillson.

Delegates

*Annie Bowers.
 Martha Freeborn.

Alternates

*Helen Sullivan.
 *Annie McAuliffe.

James H. Sargent Corps 107, West Medway.

[Organized June 5, 1888.]

President	*Fannie M. Hitchcock.
Senior Vice-President	Nellie E. Force.
Junior Vice-President	Ellen M. Force.
Past President	Carrie C. Hixon.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Sarah M. Gilmore.	Eliza Hitchcock.

McPherson Corps 108, Abington.

[Organized Jan. 17, 1900.]

President	*Lillian L. Whiting.
Senior Vice-President	Selina S. Sprague.
Junior Vice-President	Eleanor S. Merrill.
Past President	Della L. Ford.
<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
*Algic Philbrook.	Nellie Nash.
*Nellie Reed.	Virgie A. Gowell.

C. L. Chandler Corps 109, Brookline.

[Organized June 8, 1888.]

President	*Mary A. Allen.
Senior Vice-President	Harriett L. Pierce.
Junior Vice-President	Etta E. Robart.
Past President	*Eliza S. Bugbee.
<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
Emily W. Cobb.	Clara A. Morrison.
*Sarah T. Paine.	*Sarah E. Mann.

Capt. Horace Niles Corps 110, Randolph.

[Organized April 1, 1887.]

President	*Sarah Poole.
Senior Vice-President	Annie Hagar.
Junior Vice-President	Abbie Bowman.
Past President	*Martha R. Cartwright.
<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
*Hattie E. Rowe.	*Annie Hagar.
*Mary E. Beane.	*Bertha Paine.

Joseph E. Simmons Corps 111, Pembroke.

[Organized April 21, 1891.]

President	*Gertrude F. Carter.
Senior Vice-President	Elizabeth Drake.
Junior Vice-President	Hattie F. Daly.
Past President	*Phoebe E. Baker.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Ina M. Foster.	Jennie E. L. Sturtevant.

Ericsson Corps 112, Templeton.

[Organized Sept. 5, 1888.]

President	*Jane Walker.
Senior Vice-President	Gertrude M. Curtis.
Junior Vice-President	Julia A. Lane.
Past President	Mira M. Taylor.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Ellen R. Hodge.	Elmira E. Merritt.

Joseph P. Rice Corps 113, Westminster.

[Organized Jan. 27, 1890.]

President	*M. Nellie Miller.
Senior Vice-President	Edith M. Griffin.
Junior Vice-President	Luella Sargent.
Past President	Mabel Sawin.
<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
*Minnie Lynde.	Elizabeth Marsh.
*Lillian Miller.	Edith Harrington.

O. H. P. Sargent Corps 114, Essex.

[Organized Oct. 25, 1888.]

President	*Eveline M. Burnham.
Senior Vice-President	Eliza G. Lowe.
Junior Vice-President	Sadie E. Haskell.
Past President	*Mary A. Kimball.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Sadie E. Haskell.	Lizzie B. Lowe.

J. W. Lawton Corps 115, Ware.

[Organized Dec. 7, 1888.]

President	Anna L. Howard.
Senior Vice-President	Lucy Ainsworth.
Junior Vice-President	Harriet Wilcox.
Past President	Nellie M. Marsh.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
Etta St. Peter.	Harriet P. Barnes.

E. M. Stanton Corps 116, Amherst.

[Organized Jan. 25, 1889.]

President	*S. Jennie Thayer.
Senior Vice-President	Ella M. Hall.
Junior Vice-President	Hattie Dickinson.
Past President	*Adaline Cadwell.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Cora Burnett.	Esther Delano.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

Prentiss M. Whiting Corps 117, North Attleboro.

[Organized Feb. 8, 1889.]

President	Ella N. Jillson.
Senior Vice-President	*Antoinette Greven.
Junior Vice-President	Helen Hancock.
Past President	*Kate M. Bliss.

Delegate

*Olive Darrah.

Alternate

Antoinette Greven.

Nathaniel Lyons Corps 118, Webster.

[Organized Oct. 9, 1901.]

President	*Susan E. Parmenter.
Senior Vice-President	Laura Brandes.
Junior Vice-President	Mary Haskell.
Past President	Martha J. Nuttle.

Delegate

*Mary Walker.

Alternate

Ella Shumway.

Allen Corps 119, Manchester.

[Organized March 14, 1889.]

President	*Ellen I. Horton.
Senior Vice-President	Mary M. Lane.
Junior Vice-President	Julia E. Reed.
Past President	*Jennie P. Dennis.

Delegate

*Julia E. Reed.

Alternate

*Mary M. Lane.

William H. Bartlett Corps 120, Taunton.

[Organized March 21, 1889.]

President	*Fannie K. Macomber.
Senior Vice-President	Mary E. Johnson.
Junior Vice-President	Mercena E. Coates.
Past President	*Elizabeth A. Bragg.

Delegate

Emma E. Coleman.

*Annie E. Tinkham.

Alternate

Annie R. Haskins.

*Annie S. Sunderland.

George W. Perry Corps 121, Scituate.

[Organized April 5, 1889.]

President	Rachel N. Burrows.
Senior Vice-President	Emmeline Vinal.
Junior Vice-President	Caroline Prouty.
Past President	*Clara A. Osborne.

Delegate

Martha Pierce.

Alternate

Mary Webb.

Gen. James L. Bates Corps 122, Swampscott.

President	*Carrie B. Staples.
Senior Vice-President	Marianna Poor.
Junior Vice-President	Nellie F. Knowles.
Past President	*Marietta Gardner.

Delegate

*Nellie F. Knowles.

Alternate

Emma Wilkins.

C. M. Packard Corps 123, Avon.

[Organized June 27, 1889.]

President	Lucia A. Stewart.
Senior Vice-President	Alice A. Hunt.
Junior Vice-President	Martha Burrill.
Past President	Esther A. Bryant.

Delegate

Melissa Butler.

Alternate

Alice A. Hunt.

Collingwood Corps No. 124, Plymouth.

[Organized December, 1889.]

President	*Annie M. Morey.
Senior Vice-President	Mary B. Lanman.
Junior Vice-President	Belle V. Booth.
Past President	Marian W. Collingwood.

Delegates

*Abbie D. Danforth.
 *Welthea E. Savery.
 *Mary H. Sherman.
 *Hannah T. Barnes.
 *Eliza A. Shannon.

Alternates

Althea L. Lapham.
 Millie P. Burgess.
 Laura A. Holmes.
 Flora E. Badger.
 Mary B. Butler.

Frazer A. Stearns Corps 125, Spencer.

[Organized Jan. 30, 1890.]

President	*Joanna Hutchins.
Senior Vice-President	Cynthia Hancock.
Junior Vice-President	Grace Sibley.
Past President	Annie F. Pierce.

Delegate

*Effie Gray.

Alternate

Lydia Harrison.

William B. Eaton Corps 126, Revere.

[Organized April 18, 1890.]

President	*Kate Blanche Kennon.
Senior Vice-President	Annie Elizabeth Neal.
Junior Vice-President	Jennie Dennison Lunn.
Past President	Laura A. Haynes.

Delegate

*Ella Maria Stratton.

Alternate

Mary Anna Cross.

Gen. Wm. F. Bartlett Corps 127, Andover.

[Organized April 22, 1890.]

President	Helen Carruth Allen.
Senior Vice-President	Mary E. Anderson.
Junior Vice-President	Kate White.
Past President	Sadie M. Hobbs.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
Emma McTernan.	Alice Cox.

Veteran Corps 128, Reading.

[Organized April 30, 1890.]

President	*Susan E. Leonard.
Senior Vice-President	Mabel E. Niles.
Junior Vice-President	M. Jennie Dame.
Past President	*Lavinia M. Annis.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Fannie I. Hill.	Jennie C. Gilman.
*Mabel E. Niles.	Annie S. Nichols.

Berkshire Corps 129, Pittsfield.

[Organized Jan. 13, 1897.]

President	Satie L. Ogden.
Senior Vice-President	Marietta Johnson.
Junior Vice-President	Harriet E. Lawrence.
Past President	*S. Anna Starkweather.
<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
Lucinda Coombs.	Cora Carley.
*Ida Martin.	*Alice Myers.

J. Arthur Johnson Corps 130, Sturbridge.

[Organized May 28, 1890.]

President	Georgia A. Edgerton.
Senior Vice-President	Jennie P. Shepard.
Junior Vice-President	Caroline A. Bates.
Past President	Mary L. Chamberlain.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
Emma Burlingame.	*Violet May Carlton.

Thomas A. Parker Corps 131, East Pepperell.

[Organized July 16, 1890.]

President	*Anna M. Buck.
Senior Vice-President	Lizzie B. Handley.
Junior Vice-President	Mary M. Coffin.
Past President	Harriett E. Thurston.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
Adelaide I. Bean.	Sarah M. Shattuck.

Charles Chipman Corps 132, Sandwich.

[Organized June 23, 1897.]

President	*Abbie M. Tinkham.
Senior Vice-President	Philena Hall.
Junior Vice-President	Dulcina Perry.
Past President	Melissa M. Ellis.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Elizabeth A. Spring.	Margaret Gibbs.

Henry Clay Wade Corps 134, Cottage City.

[Organized Dec. 4, 1890.]

President	*Hattie L. Shute.
Senior Vice-President	Carle E. Coye.
Junior Vice-President	Alice Stratton.
Past President	Susan J. Chase.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Lillian H. Swift.	Fannie Gardner.

Charles C. Smith Corps 135, South Hadley.

[Organized Jan. 5, 1891.]

President	*Ellen F. Madsen.
Senior Vice-President	Mary W. Davenport.
Junior Vice-President	Marilla J. Nichols.
Past President	Mary K. O'Brien.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Mary K. O'Brien.	Eliza A. Jackson.

David A. Russell Corps 136, Whitman.

[Organized Jan. 6, 1891.]

President	Gertrude M. Easterbrook.
Senior Vice-President	*Lizzie T. Jenkins.
Junior Vice-President	Mirra E. Rand.
Past President	*Myrtie I. McCallum.
<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
*Lucie A. Gurney.	*Kate A. Merritt.
*Betsie C. Sampson.	Sarah Harrington.
*Laura L. Bemis.	S. Augusta West.

Hartsuff Corps 137, Rockland.

[Organized Jan. 14, 1891.]

President	*Jennie M. Tower.
Senior Vice-President	Carrie Lapham.
Junior Vice-President	Priscilla M. Babcock.
Past President	*Nettie L. Everson.
<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
*Hannah P. Lewis.	Martha A. Hopkins.
*Lila Loud.	Mary Stetson.
*Carrie Lapham.	Nora Shea.

C. C. Phillips Corps 138, Hopkinton.

[Organized March 12, 1891.]

President	*Abby J. Piper.
Senior Vice-President	Hattie M. Fairbanks.
Junior Vice-President	Myra Drawbridge.
Past President	Grace G. Phipps.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Myra Drawbridge.	Carrie E. Taylor.

D. G. Anderson Corps 139, Great Barrington.

[Organized March 18, 1891.]

President	*Lizzie A. Treat.
Senior Vice-President	Addie Mellen.
Junior Vice-President	Josie Van Dusen.
Past President	Kate M. Robinson.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
Hattie A. Sage.	Ella La Point.

Theron E. Hall Corps 140, Holden.

[Organized April 13, 1891.]

President	*E. Maria Hubbard.
Senior Vice-President	Angelia R. Howes.
Junior Vice-President	Lillian Gleason.
Past President	Hattie A. Farrar.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
Martha E. Graham.	Mary H. Rogers.

Frank D. Hammond Corps 141, South Chatham.

[Organized Jan. 20, 1888.]

President	Mary B. Small.
Senior Vice-President	*Martha Hamilton.
Junior Vice-President	Winnie B. Martin.
Past President	*Helen C. Mulford.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
Mary E. Higgins.	Martha Hamilton.

B. F. Jones Corps 142, Falmouth.

[Organized May 13, 1891.]

President	*Sylvia B. Lincoln.
Senior Vice-President	Julia E. Lawrence.
Junior Vice-President	Emma Pease.
Past President	Lizzie C. Bosworth.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Eliza M. Teele.	Phebe A. Tobey.

William Wadsworth Corps 143, Duxbury.

[Organized Sept. 8, 1891.]

President	Lucy A. Soule.
Senior Vice-President	Nellie M. Simmons.
Junior Vice-President	*Sylvia Alden.
Past President	Susan J. Holmes.

Delegate

*Mary L. Chandler.

Alternate

Sarah Edwards.

Joseph E. Wilder Corps 144, Hanover.

[Organized Oct. 20, 1891.]

President	*Lomyra H. Sturtevant.
Senior Vice-President	Lizzie F. Thayer.
Junior Vice-President	Carrie Billings.
Past President	Helen A. Tower.

Delegate

*Agnes J. Cooper.

Alternate

Gertrude Buffum.

Marcus Keep Corps 145, Monson.

[Organized Oct. 23, 1891.]

President	Lizzie P. Beckwith.
Senior Vice-President	Nellie C. Holdridge.
Junior Vice-President	*Ida C. Bills.
Past President	Ada E. Graves.

Delegate

*Sarah L. Warren.

Alternate

Mary Fuller.

T. L. Bonney Corps 146, Hanson.

[Organized Dec. 29, 1891.]

President	*Sarah D. Calder.
Senior Vice-President	Emily S. Blount.
Junior Vice-President	Lucy G. Scates.
Past President	Lydia A. Sampson.

Delegate

*Helen A. Harding.

Alternate

Harriet A. Stevens.

Huntington F. Wolcott Corps 147, Milton.

[Organized Dec. 1, 1903.]

President	*Emily R. Lincoln.
Senior Vice-President	Eunice I. Houghton.
Junior Vice-President	Nettie Palmer.
Past President	*Jennie C. Fletcher.

Delegate

*Susie P. Tuckerman.

Alternate

Emma Littlefield.

Charles Devens Corps 148, Oxford.

[Organized May 14, 1903.]

President	Ella C. Newton.
Senior Vice-President	Imogene P. Taft.
Junior Vice-President	Ethel G. Marsh.
Past President	

Delegate

*Viola M. Shepardson.

Alternate

B. Grace White.

Scott Bradley Corps 149, Lee.

[Organized March 23, 1892.]

President	Ellen I. De Forest.
Senior Vice-President	Maude E. Sparks.
Junior Vice-President	Alice Willmott.
Past President	Mary J. Casey.

Delegate

Mary C. Morse.

Alternate

Alice Willmott.

George C. Marshall Corps 150, Rutland.

[Organized May 17, 1892.]

President	*Harriet A. Healy.
Senior Vice-President	Cassie M. Rice.
Junior Vice-President	Hattie E. Bush.
Past President	Mary E. Bray.

Delegate

*Mary E. Bray.

Alternate

Mary A. Converse.

Gen. W. T. Sherman Corps 151, Wareham.

[Organized May 22, 1892.]

President	*Adeline S. Tracy.
Senior Vice-President	Hattie L. Thompson.
Junior Vice-President	Betsey C. Capron.
Past President	Addie F. Drape.

Delegate

Jennie Blackwell.

Alternate

Cora E. Dennis.

George H. Thomas Corps 152, Leicester.

[Organized May 27, 1892.]

President	*Adelaide V. Gibbs.
Senior Vice-President	Fannie P. Howe.
Junior Vice-President	Charlotte M. Lyon.
Past President	Delia A. Ashey.

Delegate

*Laura H. Dingwell.

Alternate

Ella D. C. Whittemore.

H. H. Legge Corps 153, Uxbridge.

[Organized Sept. 7, 1892.]

President	*Stella C. Seagrave.
Senior Vice-President	Mary C. Johnson.
Junior Vice-President	Mary E. Seagrave.
Past President	Janet McEwen.

Delegate

Anna B. Buck.

Alternate

Margaret A. Seagrave.

Ezra Batcheller Corps 154, North Brookfield.

[Organized Oct. 6, 1892.]

President	*Agnes E. Damon.
Senior Vice-President	Etta Thayer.
Junior Vice-President	Lizzie Berry.
Past President	Evelyn S. Deyo.

Delegate

*Etta Thayer.

Alternate

Cornelia Russell.

E. P. Hopkins Corps 155, Williamstown.

[Organized Oct. 21, 1892.]

President	*Harriet M. Knell.
Senior Vice-President	Lizzie Edwards.
Junior Vice-President	Agnes Whelden.
Past President	Mary J. Goodrich Ormsbee.

Delegate

*Amelia Hopkins.

Alternate

Mary E. Roberts.

E. B. Nye Corps 156, Bourne.

[Organized Oct. 27, 1892.]

President	*Hattie B. Lumbert.
Senior Vice-President	Effie M. Wright.
Junior Vice-President	Sarah A. Chester.
Past President	Julia A. Weeks.

Delegate

*Maria F. Hill.

Alternate

Emma L. Bourne.

Boston Corps 157, Boston.

[Organized Nov. 19, 1892.]

President	*Elvira G. Swift.
Senior Vice-President	F. Isabel Kenfield.
Junior Vice-President	Mary J. Whitmarsh.
Past President	*Marie B. Shepard.

Delegate

*Sarah E. Luke.

Alternate

Susie J. Berry.

Mountain Miller Corps 158, Plainfield. *

[Organized Nov. 22, 1892.]

President	Mary J. Billings.
Senior Vice-President	Anna J. Luce.
Junior Vice-President	Julia A. Shaw.
Past President	Mary C. Loud.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
Eva A. McCloud.	Julia A. Shaw.

Samuel Sibley Corps 159, East Douglas.

[Organized Oct. 12, 1893.]

President	Loretta M. Sweet.
Senior Vice-President	Martha Belding.
Junior Vice-President	Mary E. Jones.
Past President	Martha Belding.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Mary E. Jones.	Augusta A. Adams.

George E. Sayles 160, Adams.

[Organized March 29, 1894.]

President	*Mattie E. Simmons.
Senior Vice-President	Alice C. Harrington.
Junior Vice-President	Agnes J. Nye.
Past President	*Nancy M. Witcher.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
Lizzie C. Palmer.	Helen Easterbrooks.

Woburn Corps 161, Woburn.

[Organized March 17, 1887.]

President	*Grace M. Leslie.
Senior Vice-President	Harriet S. Patten.
Junior Vice-President	Aletha M. Eaton.
Past President	*Helen E. Patten.
<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
*Nellie E. Richardson.	Clara S. Sanborn.
*Flora M. Tripp.	Susan G. French.

Gen. J. G. Barnard Corps 162, Sheffield.

[Organized May 16, 1894.]

President	*Ella S. Cook.
Senior Vice-President	Eliza Rudge.
Junior Vice-President	Eliza Smith.
Past President	Ruthetta Stone.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Cora Hurlburt.	Minnie Field.

Martha Sever Corps 163, Kingston.

[Organized Aug. 20, 1894.]

President	Emilie L. Foster.
Senior Vice-President	*Georgiana M. Trow.
Junior Vice-President	Mary F. Cushman.
Past President	Georgiana M. Trow.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Emma P. Ford.	Mary E. Simmons.

Henry H. Johnson Corps 164, Northfield.

[Organized Dec. 20, 1894.]

President	*Christiana C. Stockbridge.
Senior Vice-President	Belle C. Mason.
Junior Vice-President	Daisy A. Dickinson.
Past President	*Mary J. Doolittle.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Emma E. Bigelow.	Maude M. Holton.

Gen. William S. Lincoln Corps 165, Enfield.

[Organized Dec. 22, 1894.]

President	*Jennie A. Davis.
Senior Vice-President	Alice M. Bester.
Junior Vice-President	Bertha Enright.
Past President	Lillian M. Olds.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
Mabel McMullen.	*Angie I. Felton.

M. E. Stowell Corps 167, South Deerfield.

[Organized April 24, 1895.]

President	Elizabeth Jewett.
Senior Vice-President	Mary T. Jackson.
Junior Vice-President	Ann Mono.
Past President	Emma Sanderson.
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
Anna M. Dodge.	Florence R. Billings.

Alanson Hamilton Corps 168, West Brookfield.

[Organized April 30, 1904.]

President	Maud B. Comstock.
Senior Vice-President	Edith J. Livermore.
Junior Vice-President	Edna T. Greene.
Past President	
<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
Anna L. Brigham.	Emma Allen.

Bridgewater Corps 169, Bridgewater.

[Organized June 4, 1895.]

President	*Grace D. Lee.
Senior Vice-President	Nettie A. Lee.
Junior Vice-President	Mary T. Shaw.
Past President	Charlotte G. Ripley.

Delegate

Florence E. Phinney.

Alternate

Eliza M. Le Barron.

Alfred C. Munroe Corps 170, East Bridgewater.

[Organized Jan. 7, 1896.]

President	*Jennie R. Warren.
Senior Vice-President	Alice P. Wilbur.
Junior Vice-President	Abbie L. Bennett.
Past President	*Martha E. Bisbee.

Delegate

*Carrie H. Allen.

Alternate

Sadie C. Scribner.

Sergt. Plunkett Corps 171, Ashburnham.

[Organized Jan. 22, 1896.]

President	Susie E. Wood.
Senior Vice-President	Edith A. Gale.
Junior Vice-President	Salura Baker.
Past President	Jennie S. Stowe.

Delegate

F. Emma Gilson.

Alternate

Josephine M. Parker.

Gen. Hiram G. Berry Corps 172, Malden.

[Organized May 22, 1896.]

President	*Jennie P. Gould.
Senior Vice-President	Kate L. Tufts.
Junior Vice-President	Martha T. Atwood.
Past President	Grace L. Grover.

Delegate

*Frances R. Sturgeon.

Alternate

*Mary M. Graham.

O. W. Wallace Corps 173, Rockport.

[Organized June 5, 1896.]

President	Lydia K. Margeson.
Senior Vice-President	Laura Richardson.
Junior Vice-President	*Clara L. Eaton.
Past President	

Delegate

Clara L. Eaton.

Alternate

Eldora Breen.

Gen. J. G. Foster Corps 174, South Framingham.

[Organized Nov. 2, 1897.]

President *Anna J. James.
 Senior Vice-President Emmeline Landy.
 Junior Vice-President S. Helen Lee.
 Past President *Bertha M. Videto.

Delegates

*Eva M. Pratt.
 Elizabeth A. Clarke.

Alternates

Annie Howland.
 *Eloi French.

Y-an-no Corps 175, Hyannis.

[Organized June 30, 1899.]

President *Grace D. Small.
 Senior Vice-President Cora W. Baxter.
 Junior Vice-President Eunice Ring.
 Past President *Christie W. Gibbs.

Delegate

Eunice Ring.

Alternate

Ida M. Crowell.

Mrs. Warne, Department President, then read her address, Mrs. Ralph,
 Department Senior Vice-President, occupying the chair.

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ADDRESS OF
MRS. ANNIE M. WARNE, DEPARTMENT
PRESIDENT.

Members of the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention of the Department of Massachusetts, Woman's Relief Corps:

We have come to the parting of the ways. One year ago, when you placed in my hands your highest gift, and honored me with the Presidency of the "Mother Department" of the Woman's Relief Corps. I was cognizant of the great honor, also the great responsibility, and only the feeling that I would have the loyal support of the members of our loved Order and the benefit of the wisdom of the grand and noble women who had preceded me gave me courage to enter upon my duties; and to-day I submit to you the report of the year's work for your inspection.

The labor of the twelve months which have passed into history has been very strenuous to *all* in our Order. While we have had the great honor of the National Encampment of 1904, it has entailed *greater work*; but, as usual, the Woman's Relief Corps accepted their part of the work nobly, and in a spirit of fraternity and loyalty did their whole duty.

In striving to make the year as successful as those which have "passed," I appreciate the assistance given by every member of our Order; and, while I hoped to accomplish more, we should remember that the Department President is human, and cannot be everywhere, much as she would like to. I have visited many Corps that I felt needed a call, to remind them that, although far away from Headquarters, they were not forgotten, and we are always in touch with them. I travelled long distances to accomplish this, and the reward was worthy of the effort, finding the same earnest work was being done (and in a systematic manner) for "soldier, sailor, and marine or their families."

To me the year is one never to be forgotten; and the pleasure and profit I have gained from the associations with which I came in contact will remain. I gave much time to the duties at Headquarters, averaging three days a week, and at all times gave the assistance and encouragement needed to keep in close touch with the members, whose love and best efforts were given me at all times. As the years go on, the work will increase; but in

the future, as in the past, the "united efforts" of our loyal and true membership will be "crowned with success."

RELIEF WORK.

As has been said by my predecessors, *this* is the *most* important part of our organization; and, while we have assisted financially those who required it, still much more has been done by the kind word or act given those who hungered for sympathy in the hour of sickness or trouble. Many homes have had the sunshine taken to them, whose "shut-ins" were reminded by the fruit and flowers and words of love "that, though absent," they were of us, and not forgotten by their sister members of the Relief Corps. The reports from this Department show the amount expended for relief during the year to be:—

Turned over to Posts	\$8,938.39
Estimated value of relief other than money	1,960.35

Each year's record is one that we can be proud of, showing that our benevolences have been gladly and lovingly bestowed upon all who needed them. While preparing to enjoy the season of "peace on earth, good will to men," our veterans and their families needing our care were not forgotten; and sincere thanks are extended to all the members for their generous responses for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

DEPARTMENT RELIEF.

Although I had been a member of the Department Relief Committee, and had some idea of the work, yet, until this year I never fully realized the importance of it all; and I am very thankful that I have been permitted to attend all quarterly meetings of the Relief Committee, and have been in close touch with their work.

How can I express my appreciation of the faithful and untiring work accomplished by our most excellent Department Relief Committee,—to the Chairman, Past Department President, Mrs. M. Susan Goodale, and her very efficient Secretary, Mrs. Rebecca A. Pickett,—and the other members of the Committee,—Mrs. L. P. Hall, Mrs. Grace E. Runyan, Mrs. Lucretia H. Wetherell, Mrs. Annie E. Higgins, and Mrs. Marie C. Blake? All cases were thoroughly investigated, and the assistance given which was best suited, every member being ready at all times to visit the needy, and reporting result of visit to the Chairman, and in every way assisting to carry out to a successful finish all plans, as detailed by her. As in the past, the Chairman has drawn \$5.00 at a time for emergency cases; and it has been wisely expended. All bills have been approved by the Chairman and

Department President, and paid direct by the Department Treasurer. Our earnest thanks are due to Assistant Adjutant-General Edward P. Preble of the Grand Army of the Republic this year, as in the past, who has faithfully attended to the temporary care of needy veterans, as well as to the matter of transportation, who reports as follows:—

1904	
Feb. 1.	Balance on hand \$1.30
April 14.	Received of Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, Dept. Treas. 25.00
Sept. 20.	Received of Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, Dept. Treas. 25.00
	Loans returned by various comrades 6.75
	\$58.05
1904	Expended for transportation and relief 51.40
	Balance on hand \$6.65

FINANCES.

It is pleasing to report our treasury in a gratifying condition, as the report of our faithful and beloved Treasurer will show in her detailed account, to which I refer you, and assure you that no expenditure was made that was not absolutely necessary, and the utmost economy practised. Owing to the extra call upon Corps for *National Encampment Fund*, I did not feel justified in making a special appeal for Relief Fund, and do sincerely thank and deeply appreciate the voluntary contributions from Corps, also from Department Aides, who have by their actions exemplified "that it is more blessed to give than to receive." Again I thank you all.

The following statement of expenditures will tell of the work accomplished:—

Department Relief Fund	\$867.03
Soldiers' Home Donations	59.80
Andersonville Fund	376.00
Memorial Day in the South	233.75
Monument to Loyal Women	7.00
National Encampment in Boston	4,270.88

The pleasure is also mine this year to show by the following statistics from the Corps in the Department the noble efforts they have made to carry out the work of our Order:—

Money for relief	\$7,321.20
Turned over to Posts	8,938.39
Relief other than money	1,960.35

The following report shows the condition of our Department on the first day of January, 1905:—

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, W.R.C.,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
657 WASHINGTON STREET, Room 17, February 14, 1905.

LUCIUS FIELD,

Commander Department of Mass. G.A.R.

Dear Sir: According to the custom of our Order, I have the honor to submit to you the following statement of the condition of the Department of Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps:—

Number of Corps in the Department	173
Number of members in good standing	14,192
Net gain	128

DEPARTMENT FUNDS.

Amount in General Fund	\$922.72
Amount in Soldiers' Home Fund	399.25
Amount in Department Relief Fund	1,792.40
Amount in Soldiers' Home Dormitory Fund	129.00
Andersonville Flag Fund	12.08
Total amount in all funds Jan. 1, 1905	\$3,255.45

EXPENDED BY CORPS.

Estimated value of relief	\$7,321.20
Turned over to Posts	8,938.39
Value of relief other than money	1,960.35
	\$18,219.94

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

ANNIE M. WARNE,

Department President.

As a token of appreciation of this work which has been so cheerfully given, I make

Recommendation No. 1. That the Convention show their appreciation of the services again rendered this year by Assistant Adjutant-General Edward P. Preble by tendering him a rising vote of thanks.

Fully realizing the faithful service given and appreciating all the work done by the Chairman of Department Relief Committee, and thoroughly believing that some tangible evidences should be awarded her by this Department, I make

Recommendation No. 2. That the sum of \$50 be presented to the retiring Chairman of the Department Relief Committee in recognition of her valuable services. To the members of Committee I tender my sincere thanks, fully realizing my obligation to them for duty well done.

The action taken at the final meeting of National Executive Committee, "that the amount left over from the funds contributed" "be placed in Department Relief Fund," was unanimously adopted; and I have the great pleasure to report the amount added to the fund as \$729.00.

I am deeply grateful to each and every member of our Department whose efforts made possible the generous contribution.

CONDITION OF DEPARTMENT.

I am very glad to report that we added one new Corps, and regret to add the loss of one, and thus we have made no net gain in number of Corps, but have gained in membership. On April 30, 1904, accompanied by Department Inspector Miss Sarah L. Mecuen, we started to West Brookfield, where good work had been done by Commander Geo. H. Allan, and Alanson Hamilton Corps 168, with charter membership of 22, was instituted by the Department President. Our Instituting and Installing Officer, Miss Hattie L. Shute, could not get here, owing to weather conditions, she living on the island of Martha's Vineyard. Her absence was regretted by all. I wish to thank Past Department President Mrs. Angie Robinson and the members of Clara Barton Corps No. 70 of Warren for assistance rendered. The ladies are very much interested, and by their reports show they are doing good work. They gave valuable assistance on Memorial Day to the Post. I am glad to welcome their representatives here to-day, and feel sure they will return home proud that they are members of the Order.

It is with regret that the surrender of the charter of Capt. E. T. Dresser Corps 166, Housatonic, is announced.

This Corps has been in a weak condition for several years, being located in a small village and with but little local encouragement. It continued to conduct its work, however, until the surrender of the Post to which it was auxiliary, when the little band of members felt that it was useless to continue longer its struggle for existence.

Death having called many of our earnest and zealous workers home, it is pleasing to report a gain in our membership, the reports showing December 31, 1904, a total of 14,608, an increase of 416 over last year. I have during the year visited many of the small and weak Corps. They are doing good work, but do need encouragement as well as assistance from the stronger Corps; and these can be helped by visiting them, an interchange of visits doing much good. I repeat that my heart has been gladdened as I witnessed the unselfish spirit of our members and the exertions put forth by the members of Corps situated away from all conveniences of steam or electric cars to attend their meetings and do their part of the good work. All honor to them! Department Aides, present and past, here is a grand opportunity for you to encourage the upbuilding of our Order, and also prove that you are indeed an *aid* to the President.

MEMORIAL DAY.

"Let sobs be hushed, let tears be dried,
And hearts from sorrow cease,
As we mark each mound with stars and stripes
And flowers fair of peace."

Let us remember that each year, as it passes rapidly, increases the number of graves "where, wearied, the boys in blue have gone into camp and fallen asleep, to awaken only at the reveille of God." The faithful assistance rendered in placing wreaths of green and garlands of flowers on their last resting-place by our members is fully detailed in the Chaplain's report.

Let us earnestly interest the children to assist in gathering the spring flowers, and place them upon the silent mounds where sleep the heroes who have answered the last roll-call and passed the Grand Review, and thus learn lessons of patriotism which will help them to realize the sacrifices made by the veteran to preserve for them a free and happy country.

"It is a duty we owe our patriots so true:
A few more years, and we shall have no mourners for the blue."

Neither does our organization forget "those who sleep in Southern graves unknown, but not unhonored," as the contributions from the Department of Massachusetts amounted to \$233.75.

EXEMPLIFICATIONS AND INSPECTIONS.

Owing to preparatory work for the National Convention, it was thought best to have the exemplifications earlier than had been recommended in 1903. After much time and thought had been given with our Department Inspector, Miss Sarah L. Mecuen, the State was divided into sixteen districts; but one of the Corps found it impossible, owing to illness of President, to exemplify, thus making it necessary to somewhat inconvenience those Corps which had been assigned to that district, and having them attend elsewhere, not so near. We endeavored to arrange our knowledge of railroad connections in a way that would best accommodate our members, so that as many as possible might attend. My sincere thanks are extended to all the Corps who did exemplify, and I assure them the hospitality extended will never be forgotten.

As the work of preparing for exemplification is considerable, we did not expect or require Corps to furnish a lunch. Still, many did; but the social feature was omitted, as the "County Association," supply that. And I heartily approve and endorse the quarterly meetings; for it gives us a better understanding of the work being done by the Corps in each county, and we all gain inspiration and take new courage from these mutual ex-

changes of thoughts, and become better acquainted with each other. I attended as many of the various county meetings as was possible, assisted in the formation of my own county, Middlesex, also when Hampden and Hampshire County Association was formed. I was pleased to have with us on our trips many of the Department officers, and the number of the Assistant Inspectors present was, indeed, gratifying. In fact, I feel that we should not miss an opportunity in perfecting ourselves in the work of the Order, and we certainly can be helped by attending the exemplifications.

I wish to thank all who served as Assistant Inspectors for me. I certainly appreciate the faithful manner in which you have performed your duties.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

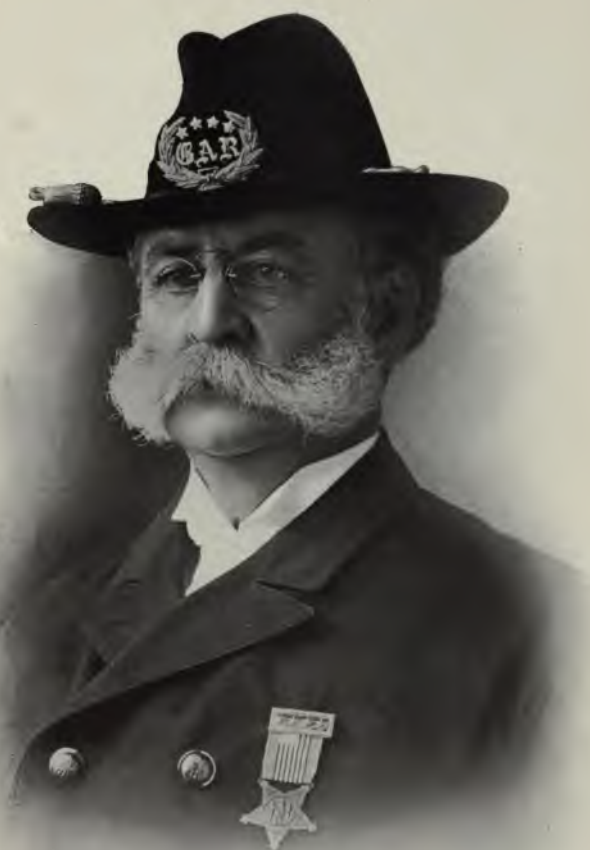
Each administration finds increased willingness by the Corps to assist in any way they can, and show by actions we honor and appreciate the privilege of being the true auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic. To each and every Corps I extend thanks for their grand work this year. When added duties came, the result of the National Convention meeting here, you responded nobly in *acts, words, and deeds*.

I wish to express my sincere thanks and earnest appreciation of all the courtesies and kindness shown me during the year by Department Commander Lucius Field and his official family, and to all the comrades who have shown me so many courtesies on the various occasions that I have met members of the Grand Army. I hereby extend thanks for the General Orders received from Commander Field and the words of encouragement which have been given us by the

"Heroes with us yet, whose glorious deeds we ne'er forget." . . .

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BLACKMAR.

Of the many official visits to Department Headquarters, none will be more highly appreciated and leave such pleasant recollections as the one paid by our beloved Commander-in-Chief, General W. W. Blackmar, Adjutant-General Comrade John E. Gilman, Assistant Adjutant-General Comrade E. B. Stillings, Aide-de-Camp Comrade George E. Henry, on the morning of November 29. It was, indeed, a *red-letter* day with us, and I am sorry it was not possible for all of my official family to have been present and assisted in receiving these noted guests. Our dearly loved National President, Mrs. Fanny E. Minot, expected to be present, but duty called her elsewhere. Mrs. Mary L. Gilman, National Senior Aide, National Special Aides Mrs. Mary E. Knowles and Mrs. Helen R. Blackmar, were among the guests. I know I voice the sentiment of those present when I say we shall always remember the occasion, and we may indeed be proud of our organization when we know the work is indorsed in such grand and glowing tributes of appreciation and encouragement as were expressed



Wilmar W. Blackmar

Commander-in-Chief Grand Army of the Republic, 1904-1905.

by our Commander-in-Chief and his associate officers. I am, indeed, grateful and truly thankful that this visit (the first of its kind, I have been informed) came to the official family of 1904.

RETURN CALL.

On the evening of Jan. 7, 1905, on the invitation of Commander-in-Chief General Blackmar and Mrs. Blackmar, National Special Aide, a return call was made by the President, accompanied by members of her staff, National Senior Aide Mrs. Gilman and National Special Aide Mrs. Knowles, at his residence, 72 Commonwealth Avenue. They were cordially welcomed by the Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Blackmar, Mrs. Minot, National President, and several members of the Commander's staff being present. A most delightful evening was passed in conversation, and in examining the Commander's interesting collection of relics of the Rebellion, and various curiosities and rare souvenirs of places visited by the General and wife during their tour of Europe, the East Indies, China, and Japan. The hospitality extended by the Commander and Mrs. Blackmar was greatly enjoyed, and will never be forgotten by those receiving it. I am sorry that illness prevented our first Department President, Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, being with us, also that some others of the staff were deprived of the pleasure that we enjoyed.

ARMY NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

These "soldier women" who to-day represent so much of woman's work during the trying days when war, and rumors of war, were heard all over the land, deserve all the honor a grateful nation can give; and I hope, so long as one remains, we shall be able to give the substantial aid needed to make their journey down life's pathway easier. Let the young learn lessons of patriotism and love of country from the services given by our Army Nurses, who never faltered when duty called, and who nursed the stricken back to life, and made it possible for many to return to loved ones at home. Truly do we say, God bless the Army Nurses!

SONS OF VETERANS.

It was, indeed, pleasing to witness the assistance you rendered the Grand Army of the Republic during the National Encampment last August; and I hope you "boys" will realize, more than ever, that upon you must come the honor to help perpetuate the work accomplished by your fathers, and sons and daughters all engage in one united effort to smooth the pathway to their final resting-place of those who have suffered in the conflict. When the last comrade is laid to rest, the Grand Army will cease to exist, but its name and history will survive in the hearts of a grateful people, and be forever a glorious heritage for coming generations. Sons of Veterans, be proud of your heritage. Show that you honor the deeds of your fathers, and

by a faithful adherence to the principles of your Order you will continue to increase your membership, and merit the success due your efforts. Show to your Post that you want to be helpful; and don't wait to be invited to *assist*, but do all in your power. I was delighted to have been present last month at an installation of our Orders, Post, Corps, and Camp, and witness the presentation by the Camp to the Post of a \$100 gold-bearing certificate. I hope I may be spared to see every Camp equally prosperous and successful, and I sincerely thank the different Camps for courtesies extended.

DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

I sincerely am pleased with the report of the work you are accomplishing, and know you will continue to promote the principles of your Order, and "Onward ever, backward never," be your watchword and inspiration. You will assist in perpetuating the glorious deeds of your fathers, and maintain the principles for which they fought. I need not tell you I am in sympathy with all your work, and fully satisfied that at all times you are ready to assist the Woman's Relief Corps in caring for the "veteran and his family."

I had the pleasure of attending the Convention in Worcester, and extending the greetings of this Department. I was proud to be among those who extended congratulations to the Department President (of the Daughters), Miss Althea A. Field, at the reception tendered her in Clinton by the Post, Sons, and Daughters. I also attended the reception given our Commander-in-Chief, General Blackmar, at Hotel Bellevue, by the Daughters. I extend to them my best wishes for success and prosperity, and assure them I appreciate the many acts of kindness and courtesy shown me; and in the future, as in the past, when I can be of any assistance to the Sons or Daughters, I am ready to respond.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY OF SONS OF VETERANS.

Accept my thanks for courtesies received; and I certainly congratulate you in your efforts to assist the Sons of Veterans, and I know you have proven yourselves a valuable auxiliary to them, and will assist to promote patriotism and love of country in every way as earnestly as the Sons and Daughters do. May success crown all your efforts!

PATRIOTIC TEACHING.

I feel we are to be congratulated upon the work of our faithful Patriotic Instructors; and this year, when the work was taken up by Mrs. Mary E. Holbrooke, the same earnest desire to advance was shown that characterized that which had been done by her predecessors. I certainly am very thankful, and appreciate Mrs. Holbrooke's acceptance of the appointment. For what has been done on this line I will refer you to her able report.

Twenty-Second
NATIONAL CONVENTION



LUCIUS FIELD
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Woman's Relief Corps

AUXILIARY TO THE
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Boston, Mass.

1904

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I will ask that the Corps continue to urge the necessity of special patriotic exercises in our schools; that the Flag of our country be made a prominent object; that its history may find a place in all of them, and the Patriotic Instructor and all assistants continue in the good work.

NATIONAL CONVENTION.

After many days, weeks, and months of preparation the fifteenth day of August dawned upon the faithful workers—men, women, and “children”—of our various organizations. I took my quarters early Sunday morning at the Vendome, and was in readiness to greet the guests, who began arriving a few days in advance. I shall not trespass on the excellent report of our Chairman of Executive Committee, Mary L. Gilman, nor go into details, but wish to refer to a little of the work done by your President, who, to the best of her ability, endeavored to *welcome* all with whom she came in contact. Having been made Chairman of Reception Committee, I was ably assisted by Mrs. Harriett A. Ralph, Senior Vice-President; Mrs. Alice M. Goddard, Junior Vice-President; Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, Past National President; Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner, Past National President; Mrs. Mary E. Knowles, Past National Chaplain; Mrs. Harriette L. Reed, Past National Secretary; Miss Sarah L. Mecuen, Department Inspector; Mrs. Helen R. Blackmar, Special Aide; and the following Past Department Presidents,—namely, Mrs. Clara H. B. Evans, Mrs. Mary L. Gilman, Mrs. Maria W. Going, Mrs. Mary G. Deane, Mrs. Angie A. Robinson, Mrs. Josephine A. Burdick, Mrs. Dorcas H. Lyman, Mrs. Augusta A. Wales; Mrs. Fannie M. Jones, Past Department Inspector and Past Corps Presidents, Mrs. Nettie M. Streeter, Mrs. Alice E. Chapman, Mrs. Marion W. Collingwood, Mrs. Lelia Rockwood, and Mrs. Josephine L. Dupee, all faithful workers of our Order, who were divided into parties of four; and each party called at the various Headquarters assigned them, and presented a warm greeting, and welcomed the guest to the “Hub of the Universe.” I endeavored to make it possible that this work, also, the visiting and attending various receptions, be not overlooked.

To those faithful friends and leaders, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner and Sarah E. Fuller and Harriette L. Reed, was assigned the pleasing duty of calling at the ex-Prisoners of War Headquarters, and I am sure no one could better do this than these beloved pioneers of our Order.

OPEN HOUSE.

The vote of the Council to keep open house, and that a Committee from the Corps in Suffolk County should have charge, was carried out. Headquarters having been established at the Vendome, I detailed Mrs. Elizabeth P. Sawyer, Department Chaplain, Mrs. Lue S. Wadsworth, Mrs. S. Jennie Tirrell, Mrs. Kate J. Gifford, Mrs. Mary A. Beal, and Mrs. Sarah B. Noyes,

of the Executive Board, and Mrs. Mary E. Holbrooke, Department Patriotic Instructor, assisted by a committee consisting of

Mrs. Etta B. Lyon, Chairman, Corps 79,	Miss Josephine Mahoney, Corps 91,
Mrs. Carrie E. Dustin, Corps 3,	Mrs. Maggie M. Jones, Corps 9,
Mrs. Grace J. Fitts, Corps 63,	Mrs. Sarah Johnson, Corps 67,
Mrs. Carrie A. Cross, Corps 39,	Miss Marie B. Shepherd, Corps 157,
Mrs. Louise H. Mees, Corps 88,	Mrs. Hattie C. McIntyre, Corps 68,
Mrs. Angie B. Chase, Corps 10,	Mrs. Kate B. Kennon, Corps 126,
Mrs. Anna W. Buckman, Corps 20,	Mrs. Olive B. Long, Corps 28,
Mrs. Elizabeth J. Killian, Corps 28,	

who had charge of the rooms during the Encampment, and light refreshments were served.

Senior Aide Mrs. Lizzie M. Richards looked after the welfare of all, and Special Aide Mary J. Parkhurst was faithful in attendance, and secured the callers' names in our Register. To all the ladies who so kindly volunteered to help make lighter the duties of all at Headquarters during the week I am grateful. To Committee on Badges, Mrs. L. M. Richards, Annie E. Higgins, Sarah J. Rice, Sarah B. Noyes, Kate J. Gifford, I. A. Towle, Annie Stearns, Carrie A. Gibbs, Abbie M. Dean, I feel indebted, and appreciate their successful efforts in selling the souvenir badge. I wish to state here that, after consultation with Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, we presented each of the boy band a badge, and the letter of thanks received in reply well repaid the small outlay, as these Sons of Veterans will never forget their visit to Boston.

Our efficient and faithful Secretary, Miss Elliot, as Chairman of National Press Committee, which had their headquarters in our "Official Home," faithfully attended to all duties of the position.

I wish to thank the members of the Committee on "Open House" for their generous offer to donate the refreshments, but regret that the hotel would not permit it, and we were compelled to procure the same from them.

MASSACHUSETTS RECEPTION AT THE VENDOME.

The Department Council voted to tender a reception, as usual, to the Grand Army and visiting guests. I am sure by the many that came it was self-evident that all roads led to Massachusetts Headquarters, and the callers wished to extend greetings for what had been done to promote happiness and pleasure to all within our gates. We were honored by the presence of Governor Bates and wife, also Lieutenant Governor and wife, as well as the Governor's Council, Commander-in-Chief Torrance and wife, and our to be Commander-in-Chief Blackmar and wife, General O. O. Howard, and many distinguished guests, National President Mrs. Winans and staff, with nearly every Department represented. The success of this

great undertaking was due to our most efficient Chairman, Miss M. Edna Mecuen, and her Reception Committee of the following ladies:—

Miss M. Edna Mecuen, Corps 39, Charlestown.	Mrs. Octavia C. Blair, Brockton.
Mrs. Lizzie M. Richards, Corps 25, Waltham.	Mrs. Minnie B. Besse, Wareham.
Mrs. Annie E. Higgins, South Boston.	Mrs. Florence M. Haynes, Salem.
Mrs. Dorcas H. Lyman, Brighton.	Mrs. Mary J. Pettingill, Everett.
Mrs. Mary J. Parkhurst, Gloucester.	Mrs. Carrie E. Dustin, East Boston.
Mrs. Sarah J. Rice, Waltham.	Mrs. Etta S. Paine, Somerville.
Mrs. Etta A. Lockhart, Cambridge.	Mrs. Eleanor B. Wheeler, South Boston.
Mrs. Delilah S. Davis, Lawrence.	Mrs. Belle A. Russell, Winchendon.
	Mrs. Mary T. Hawkes, Danvers.
	Mrs. Lena G. Lennon, Fall River.

I tender my sincere thanks to this Committee.

To his Excellency Governor Bates for magnificent flowers sent to Headquarters, also Comrade Blackmar and wife, Mr. William Usher, Miss Hattie L. Shute, and many others; to Suffolk County Association for a generous donation, which secured the Chaminade Orchestra, whose sweet music added much to the success of the reception. And, from the many expressions of approval heard, I feel that, while we *were crushed*, many were able to receive the warm hand-clasp and see the pleasant smile and hear the kind word from friends all over our land, which would not have been possible otherwise.

THANKS TO CONVENTION WORKERS.

Our Headquarters were most beautifully decorated; and I wish to express my thanks to Mrs. Etta A. Lockhart and her able Committee, who had blossoms everywhere, and one could imagine they had been transported to the "City of the Golden Gate."

To our dear friend and co-worker, "Our Elizabeth," who devoted days of active work and nights of active thought to finding places where wandering friends could rest their weary heads, and *literally exemplified* the teachings of the Golden Rule; and many a visitor had reason to bless her efforts for their comfort.

To the Committee, which was "to know all," and be a walking book of information, and was so deftly handled by Mrs. Lydia P. Hall and her well-informed associates.

I also wish to extend my earnest and grateful appreciation to Mrs. Dorcas H. Lyman and her faithful associates for the luncheon provided and services rendered during the Convention. The like has never been done at any Convention, and probably never will be surpassed. I sincerely thank Mrs. Lyman and every member of her Committee. I shall always remember with gratitude the hard work accomplished by this great Committee and its successful result. "Old Glory" was in evidence to give us in-

spiration in the decorations at Headquarters, and was artistically arranged, thanks to Mrs. Lue Stuart Wadsworth, Chairman of Decorating Committee.

To Miss Mary E. Elliot, Department Secretary and Chairman of Press Committee for National Convention, too much credit cannot be given for the able manner in which she and her Committee attended to their duties; for, certainly, it is a very trying and difficult position to fill.

I cannot leave this subject without thanking our Junior Vice-President and Chairman of Entertainment Committee, Mrs. Alice M. Goddard, for the most excellent evening's entertainment given at the Campfire, Mechanics' Building, one of the finest features being the work done by the *Color Bearers*,—a most inspiring scene,—to follow that grand and glorious act, the "Trooping of the Colors," by the different Posts, under command of Junior Vice-Department Commander Payson Bradley.

To show that the occasion was one which appealed strongly to the patriotic feelings of all, I may be allowed to quote the remark made by Governor Bates, who, turning to me, said: "I congratulate you and this organization upon this magnificent feature of your Convention. I never saw anything more inspiring. It is a scene which can never be forgotten."

To all Committees for courtesy shown I express my earnest thanks; and I must not infringe upon what they accomplished, but will refer you to the report of the National Executive Committee; and the Delegate-at-Large, Mrs. Helen R. Blackmar, who in her able report will give the work of the Convention.

IN MEMORIAM.

"Not with sorrow, nor with anguish,
But with rapture should we hail,
Every beckoning of the angels,
Every lifting of the veil."

Many of our members have travelled to that beautiful "Land of Somewhere," and are reaping the reward of their labors so faithfully and well performed. My sympathy is extended to all who mourn, and it is with sorrow I report the loss in membership by death, 237, and would offer

Recommendation No. 3. That in recognition of the faithful services performed by Miss May Hicks as Department Inspector, a memorial page be placed in the Department Journal in her honor.

By invitation of Mrs. E. L. Breed, who had charge of the Woman's Department of the United Commercial Travellers' Fair in Mechanics' Building in October, it was voted by the Council to arrange for a Grand Army and Relief Corps day at the fair. A committee of nine was appointed, with

the Department President as chairman, and, after conferring with Commander Field and Assistant Adjutant-General Preble, the date of October 7 was decided upon.

The exercises in the afternoon consisted of addresses by the officials of the Department, G.A.R., and the Department President, with musical exercises. In the evening there were readings, singing, and a drill by the Corps Color Bearers.

The managers of the fair admitted members free of charge who were present with badges, and the courtesies extended are appreciated.

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

On my arrival the morning after the Convention, I was warmly greeted by many friends of our Order, and the rooms were fragrant with the perfume of beautiful flowers which had been left by early callers. Among them was a magnificent bouquet from Past Department Commander Silas A. Barton, to whom I extend grateful thanks for many courtesies.

These rooms have been my home for many days during the past year, and the warm welcome I have received from our loyal and faithful Secretary and Treasurer, which was always extended on my arrival, gave me courage and inspiration for the duties of the day, and, though now we are to separate, I can never forget the happy hours spent in dear old "Headquarters" in the company of Miss Elliot and Mrs. Fuller.

The kind words of encouragement from the many members of our Order throughout the State will always be a pleasant memory, and their gifts of flowers which beautified the rooms added much to their cheerfulness. The fruit which came was greatly enjoyed, and my thanks are extended to the donors for their niceties.

I am proud that it was my privilege to receive the portrait of Past Department President Clara H. B. Evans, which was presented by Corps 37 of Pittsfield, thus adding another pleasant face to the gallery.

I most heartily indorsed the wise recommendation of Mrs. Evans regarding typewriter and telephone, and feel that without these time-saving instruments (which were installed as soon as possible after the Convention) our work, with the added duties of the past year, could never have been accomplished in season or kept in touch in a business-like manner. I thank the Convention for giving this help, and trust that they will always remain, for they are indeed "necessities."

Whereas it occasionally happens that guests visit Boston whom we desire and are expected to honor, but, not having been authorized to expend any of the funds in this manner, a President hesitates to assume the responsibility, I offer

Recommendation No. 4. That the Department President, after consulting with the Department Secretary and Treasurer, be authorized to extend the hospitality of the Department at times when such action seems

advisable and for the interests of the Order, and that whatever expense is thereby incurred be paid from the Department treasury.

The plan of electing delegates and alternates to the National Convention by districts, adopted two years ago, has not proven satisfactory. When filling vacancies, the Department Council could not select an alternate from the same district which the delegate who resigned represented. The national law, which in all cases takes precedence of any vote of Department Convention, requires that vacancies be filled in the order of their number.

Therefore a delegate from Western Massachusetts may resign, and the first alternate on the list may represent a district in the eastern part of the State, and, according to the Rules and Regulations, said alternate would be entitled to serve, regardless of locality. I therefore offer

Recommendation No. 5. That the Department of Massachusetts return to the former method of choosing delegates and alternates to the National Convention: namely, the plan in use previous to the vote of the Department Convention of 1903.

INVITATIONS.

The social duties of the Order are multiplying rapidly, and the President would gladly accept all the invitations received, yet the dates often conflict, and it is impossible. I have endeavored to have the Order represented on all occasions by some one of the official family. I will not take up the space nor time to enumerate the many functions where I was present, for they are legion, but will refer to a few anniversaries, of Corps 39, 109, 122, 34, 45, 93, 90, 147. The receptions tendered to President and staff by Corps 68, 40, 102, 12, 134, Pittsfield 129, will never be forgotten, and the courtesy extended, and the hospitality shown me in their own homes.

The military balls of Brighton and Everett Posts, campfire at Athol, of all patriotic organizations. Opened Plymouth and Rockland Fairs. The "Hooker Day" exercises, State House. D.A.R. Fourth of July exercises in Waltham.

Memorial services, Post 30, Cambridge, G.A.R., and, assisted my own Post and Corps, Memorial Day exercises.

With several of my associate officers accepted and accompanied Department Commander Lucius Field and staff to pay our respects to Governor Bates July 22.

Of the numerous invitations to install the newly elected officers of the various Corps, I could only accept 15, as dates could not be arranged. I am deeply grateful for the kindly remembrance, and shall always treasure the welcome and warm hand-clasp which greeted me, or those who represented the President, at any and all occasions.

ANDERSONVILLE.

Our membership have proven their interest in this spot to be as great now as in the years past, and are always ready and willing to assist any.

measure that will tend to improve this ground where rest so many of our brave and true defenders. We are especially favored to have our Past National President, Mrs. Turner, the chairman of Andersonville Board, and may the time be long delayed when we shall be deprived of her assistance and oversight. The love offerings to this fund amounts to \$37.84.

SOLDIERS' HOME.

Our members are always interested in whatever pertains to the welfare of the "Boys" who are so kindly looked after by Comrade Nash, superintendent, and the worthy matron, Mrs. Nash, and her daughter. I was very happy to be permitted to accompany the National President, Mrs. Fanny E. Minot, Adjutant-General John E. Gilman, representing Commander-in-Chief Blackmar, in paying an official visit to the Home, having been invited by Corps 43, Arlington, who arranged and carried to a most successful ending an evening of rare enjoyment for the "Boys," who "loudly" proclaimed their appreciation of the entertainment. I heartily thank Corps 43, also wish to thank Comrade Nash and Mrs. Nash for courtesies shown and invitations received.

The Department Treasurer reports \$59.80 turned over to the Treasurer and Superintendent of the Home.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

To the Corps that have tendered receptions to the President and her official family, for the many acts of kindness shown by the various members of our Order, beautiful souvenirs presented, entertainment in your homes of myself and associate officers, I am truly grateful.

To my own Corps and Post of Waltham for the grand reception tendered me, and the beautiful flowers and gifts presented, words cannot express my appreciation, for it means much more to know that *at home* one's efforts are appreciated, and I shall return and take up the work, as I have always done.

To Mrs. Elizabeth Robbins Berry, Department Press Correspondent, for her faithful and earnest effort to keep before the public the objects and aims of our Order, I am especially grateful, and realize she was the right woman in the right place. Wherever possible she has given items of interest to the press and I congratulate her upon the success of her efforts.

To the military editors of the various newspapers and all others who have assisted us in this line of work I tender my personal thanks.

I am indebted for courtesies received to Lucius M. Tuttle, president of Boston & Maine R.R., Col. E. P. Stearns, and Nathan Warren, Comrades of Post 29, by which the Department has been greatly benefited financially.

To Assistant Adjutant-General E. B. Stillings, our faithful friend and adviser from the birth of the organization to the present day, who has never wearied in his interest and assistance to us.

To Mrs. Richards, Senior Aide, and her assistant aides, for their faithful and efficient performance of duty.

CONCLUSION.

I should be negligent in the performance of my duty if I failed to tender my associate officers my thanks for the many acts of kindness and courtesy and the unfailing promptitude with which they fulfilled every requirement of their positions.

Words but poorly express my gratitude for the counsel and support of Mrs. Ralph, the Senior Vice, and Mrs. Goddard, Junior Vice-Presidents. Faithful in season and out of season, they have earned and deserve my heartfelt thanks.

To Miss Elliot, my faithful and conscientious Secretary, and Mrs. Fuller, our earnest and painstaking Treasurer, for the performance of their onerous duties, a full measure of recognition for any success this administration has earned is due.

To Mrs. Sawyer, Department Chaplain, who at all times so willingly granted any request made to assist me.

To Miss McCuen, Department Inspector, I am greatly indebted for the valuable service rendered our Order, and the thorough, business-like manner in which she exemplified our work. Our friendship of years I feel has been cemented more firmly by our work this year, and the hospitality extended me in her home is greatly appreciated.

To Mrs. Evans, who has been a wise and able Counselor, and may our friendship continue to grow stronger as the years go by.

To Miss Shute, Department Instituting and Installing Officer, to Mrs. Holbrooke, Department Patriotic Instructor, who have performed their duties in a highly creditable manner. The results assure me no mistake was made in their appointment.

A more faithful Executive Board has never been found in any administration, and, by the report given, their duties have all been most excellently performed.

I deeply appreciate the honors that have come to me during the year, and none more so than that it was by your action one year ago I became your President. To the young, hope is always present: to the old is memory; and, when turning the pages of memory's book, none will be brighter than the record of the work and pleasant associations of this most strenuous year, and as the result of our labors let us hope our dear old Department will continue foremost in upholding the principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

SOMERVILLE, February, 1905.

Miss MARY E. ELLIOT,

Department Secretary.

Madam: I acknowledge with pleasure and gratitude the honor conferred when I was elected to the office of Department Senior Vice-President. My constant aim has been to prove worthy of the confidence of my associates, and I have endeavored to be a valuable assistant to our Department President whose duties, though pleasant, are indeed arduous.

My first official visit was to Corps 66, East Cambridge, when I represented the Department on the occasion of its anniversary.

The reception tendered the Department President by her home Post and Corps was an expression of deep esteem, and it was a pleasure to be one of the many to pay my respects to her at that time.

I attended the twenty-fifth anniversary celebrations of Corps 1 of Fitchburg, 2 of Cambridge, 5 of Medford, 7 of Brockton, and 10 of Chelsea, having the honor to represent the Department at Corps 2. I was present at anniversaries of Corps 28 of Boston, 33 of Lowell, 45 of Attleboro, and 147 of Milton, representing the Order at Corps 33.

I attended exemplifications at Corps 72 of Milford and 39 of Charlestown, and receptions tendered the Department Officers by Corps 68 of Dorchester, 39 of Charlestown, 35 of Hyde Park, 40 of Everett, and 147 of Milton.

The social afternoons spent with Corps 69 of Wakefield and 128 of Reading were pleasant occasions, when for a few hours we put work aside and enjoyed the company of each other in a manner which, I believe, is truly beneficial to our Order. I also spent an enjoyable afternoon with Corps 102 of Weymouth and 103 of Quincy.

I represented the Department at quarterly meetings of Norfolk County Association at Hyde Park, Plymouth County at Plymouth, Middlesex County at West Acton, and Norfolk County at Milton. At Plymouth and Milton I had the honor, with others, of bearing the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps to the Grand Army Association, and at Milton installed the officers of the Association, and was honored by being made an honorary member of the Suffolk and Plymouth County Associations. I was present at the formation of the Middlesex County Association at Lowell,—being

particularly interested, as it is my own county,—and have participated in meetings of County Associations with the Department officers.

The reception tendered the Commander-in-Chief by the Plymouth County Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps Associations Saturday, October 15, at Hingham, was a memorable gathering, attended by ex-Governor Long and prominent citizens and by a large representation of both organizations. Many regrets were expressed because of the enforced absence of General Blackmar on account of illness, his presence only being needed to make the day one of perfect enjoyment to all.

I attended the May breakfast, harvest supper, and Christmas sale held by my own Corps, 21, of Somerville; have been present at all Council meetings and at the quarterly meetings of the Department Relief Committee. The privilege was also mine of participating in the sessions of the National Convention and all of the social features in connection with that memorable week.

I think we are learning to "scatter seeds of kindness" and pay loving tributes of appreciation to those who by faithful endeavor have merited such, not waiting until they are beyond the reach of human voice. This fact was demonstrated when the faithful President of Corps 28 of Boston, Miss Belle Martin, retired from office. The reception and campfire tendered her was positive proof of the love and esteem of both Post and Corps, and I know I but voice the sentiments of all who attended in saying she is worthy of every kind word spoken on that occasion. I was indeed pleased to add my word of congratulation at that time.

I inspected Corps 1 of Fitchburg, 6 of Holliston, 55 of Lawrence, 75 of Lowell, and 124 of Plymouth, and installed the officers of Corps 14 of Springfield, 21 of Somerville, 40 of Everett, 66 of East Cambridge, 78 of Norwood, 84 of Woburn, 169 of Bridgewater, and 174 of South Framingham, and with our Past Department President, Mrs. Mary E. Knowles, as installing officer, had the pleasure of serving as installing conductor of Collingwood Corps of Plymouth.

To all who have so kindly entertained me in their homes I tender my grateful thanks. The luncheon given by the officers at the time of my visit to Framingham to install them is a courtesy fully appreciated. My thanks are also extended to Department Commander Field and Assistant Adjutant-General Preble for General Orders received.

An evening of great interest was the social reception tendered by the Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Blackmar at their beautiful home in Boston. The description given by the General of many of the relics and souvenirs gathered in their extensive travels, added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

A day long to be remembered was October 19, when, by invitation of the President of Corps 29 of Lynn, I, in company with the Department Secretary and Treasurer, had the pleasure of representing the Department

at the meeting of the ex-Prisoners of War Association, Corps 29 being the hostess. It was the anniversary of the death of their comrade, Captain John G. B. Adams, and at the close of the meeting we visited, in company with some of his associates from the State House, his last resting-place in Pine Grove cemetery. Remarks were made by Sergeant-at-Arms Remington and others, prayer was offered by Rev. E. A. Horton, and tributes of loving remembrance placed on the grave. Invitations have been many, and I realize that I have missed much pleasure in not being able to accept all; for the functions arranged by the different Corps teem with endeavor to please, and in all cases where I have been present have been successful.

I know it is a disappointment when it is the wish of a Corps to have the Department President with them, and because of other engagements she is obliged to send a substitute; but learned in the early part of the year that the greeting was no less cordial to the one deputized to attend the gathering, and desire to express my sincere appreciation of the uniform kindness and unvarying cordiality that has always been accorded me.

The year has been a busy one; but in all probability never again shall we have the honor of greeting in our own loved State so many of the veterans, and it must ever be a source of gratification to know it was ours to add so much of pleasure, comfort, and happiness to their lives. Perhaps none know better than do I the self-sacrifice and unremitting toil of our Corps members, and, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, I hereby express my sincere thanks for the noble support of our Corps in the work of arranging for the National Convention. Their liberal response to appeals for funds to meet expenses was indeed an inspiration to greater endeavor. But, as night gives way to day, so, I believe, toil was forgotten in the proud satisfaction of knowing that from Maine's rocky coast to the golden slope of California, wherever is found a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic or a Woman's Relief Corps, comes to us word of commendation and expressions of pleasure and gratitude. Massachusetts has again taken the front rank, and in this knowledge we have our reward.

The year has been marked by peace and prosperity. Of my associate officers I can only speak words of love and esteem. Our relations have been most pleasant. I know of no shadow of discord. I have always taken charge of Headquarters when asked to do so in the absence of our Department President; and the fidelity of our Department Secretary and Treasurer has been, as in years past, unremitting, and we earnestly hope and trust they will both be with us many years to come.

For our Department President I can only express my highest esteem and commendation. She has toiled early and late for the good of the Department, and has made her official family feel that she needed them. True to her obligation, conscientious in the performance of duty, sympathetic to all in trouble, she has proven herself worthy of all honor that has

come to her. As the year closes, I look back upon the past twelve months, and find I have added another friend, whose influence for good will ever be with me.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

HARRIET A. RALPH,

Department Senior Vice-President.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

BROCKTON, Feb. 1, 1905.

Miss MARY E. ELLIOT,

Department Secretary, W.R.C.

Another year, with its joys and sorrows, its sunshine and its shadows, has gone; and in accordance with the requirements of our Order I am called upon to look back over the months passed, and give a report of my stewardship.

Have I been faithful to the trust placed in my keeping must be answered by my associates. I can only say I have conscientiously tried to perform faithfully every duty assigned me.

In my election to the office of Junior Vice-President I fully realized the honor conferred upon me, and entered upon the duties with the determination to give to the work my best efforts.

I have cheerfully responded to every call made upon me, whenever possible. I have attended all Council meetings during the year, have made many visits to Headquarters, and on three occasions, while there, represented the Department President.

Have represented the Department at Bristol County Association at Fall River, also when same County Association met at Eastondale; at the Department of Rhode Island annual Field Day at Field's Point; at Plymouth County Association at Middleboro; at Corps 13 annual picnic at Ridge Hill; and have been present at the following receptions:—

Reception tendered our Department President by Corps 25 and Post 29; reception to Department Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Mary E. Holbrooke, by Corps 102 at Weymouth; reception to Department President and staff at Roxbury by Corps 63; reception to Department President and staff at Dorchester by Corps 68; reception to Department President and staff at Brockton by Corps 7; reception given to Commander-in-Chief General Blackmar and staff by Department President and staff at headquarters; also a most delightful reception tendered Department officers and other guests by Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Blackmar at their home on Commonwealth Avenue on the evening of January 7.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Corps 136 of Whitman for the reception given me March 22 in honor of my election, also for the beautiful gift presented me by the Corps at that time.

I attended anniversaries of Corps 39, 122, 29, 69, and 7, Exemplifications of Corps 136, 38, 125, 72, 79, 39, 20, 120, 102, and 10.

Instructed two Corps for inspection.

Inspected Corps 40, 67, 146, 172, 174.

I have installed the officers-elect of nine Corps; namely, Corps 47, 52, 60, 68, 94, 95, 99, 103, 134.

I have been a guest at twelve County Association meetings, several fairs, campfires, and other social functions. I wish to express my heartfelt thanks for the many beautiful flowers and souvenirs presented me by the different Corps. They will be gratefully cherished as loving remembrances from my sister co-workers.

I was present at all sessions of National Convention held in Boston in August; served as a member on the Executive Committee of the National Convention, and was present at every meeting; also on Conference, Reception, Finance, and General Committees for National Conventions.

I had the honor of being appointed Chairman of the Entertainment Committee for National Convention, and served on Committee of Commercial Travellers' Fair at Mechanics' Building, G.A.R. and W.R.C. Day. To the Department President, Mrs. Annie M. Warne, I extend my sincere appreciation for the many honors she has conferred upon me during the year. Her wise counsel and womanly friendship has only strengthened the bond, and cemented more firmly the fraternal tie between us.

My associations with all Department officers have been most pleasant.

In closing, I wish to express to the members of our Order all over the State my loving thanks for invitations received. While not being able to accept all, I have fully appreciated the kindly remembrance.

I also extend thanks to Department Commander Field for general orders mailed me from G.A.R. headquarters. That the coming year may bring increased prosperity to our beloved Order is my earnest prayer.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

ALICE M. GODDARD,
Department Junior Vice-President.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARY.

BOSTON, Feb. 1, 1904.

Mrs. ANNIE M. WARNE,

Department President.

Dear Madam: The past year with its memorable events has been a notable one in the history of our Department, and its record reflects credit upon our ever-loyal membership. While cheerfully responding to every call of duty for the advancement of the local, State, and national work that constantly claims attention, members in all parts of the State have, by their united endeavors, conferred additional honor upon the Woman's Relief Corps of Massachusetts.

With an enthusiasm founded upon a love for the cause and with a sincerity of purpose worthy of the highest commendation they have assisted the needy, aided Posts in increasing their funds, co-operated in the sacred work of the comrades for Memorial Day, contributed for the erection of monuments and halls, extended the principles of patriotic teaching in the public schools, and in addition have raised several thousand dollars for the entertainment of the national guests during National Encampment week in Boston.

Statistics but feebly represent the good results of all this grand work of the past year, which will have a permanent influence for good in the years of the future.

In accordance with the requirements of my office I present herewith a detailed account of the work under my charge.

The statistics from the quarterly reports contain the following information:—

NUMBER GAINED BY CHARTER.

First quarter	00
Second quarter	21
Third quarter	00
Fourth quarter	00
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Total	21

NUMBER OF MEMBERS INITIATED.

First quarter	244
Second quarter	386
Third quarter	235
Fourth quarter	261
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Total	1,126

ADMITTED BY TRANSFER.

First quarter	18
Second quarter	42
Third quarter	12
Fourth quarter	23
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Total	95

REINSTATED (from suspension).

First quarter	179
Second quarter	154
Third quarter	202
Fourth quarter	240
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Total	775

REINSTATED (from dropped).

First quarter	5
Second quarter	34
Third quarter	7
Fourth quarter	16
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Total	62

NUMBER LOST BY DEATH.

First quarter	70
Second quarter	69
Third quarter	46
Fourth quarter	52
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Total	237

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NUMBER LOST BY HONORABLE DISCHARGE.

First quarter	76
Second quarter	61
Third quarter	48
Fourth quarter	117
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Total	302

NUMBER LOST BY TRANSFER.

First quarter	25
Second quarter	36
Third quarter	19
Fourth quarter	34
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Total	114

NUMBER LOST BY SUSPENSION.

First quarter	223
Second quarter	255
Third quarter	279
Fourth quarter	253
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Total	1,010

RECAPITULATION.

By charter	21
Initiated	1,126
Admitted by transfer	95
Reinstated (from suspension)	775
Reinstated (from dropped)	62
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Gain	2,079

Lost by death	237
Honorable discharge	302
Transfer	114
Suspension	<u>1,010</u>
Loss	1,663
Total gain	<u>416</u>
Number of members Jan. 1, 1904	14,192
Total gain	<u>416</u>
Number of members Jan. 1, 1905	14,608

Number of Corps Jan. 1, 1904	173
Number of Corps instituted	1
Number of Corps surrendered charter	1
Number of Corps Jan. 1, 1905	173

I have prepared a

TABULATED REPORT BY COUNTIES,

giving the number, location, and membership of each Corps, date of its charter, and number of the Post to which the Corps is auxiliary:—

BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

	Corps No.	Auxiliary to Post	No. Mem.	Chartered.
Provincetown	51,	55,	45,	March 31, 1885
Sandwich	132,	" "	132, 40,	June 23, 1887
Chatham	141,	" "	141, 47,	Jan. 20, 1888
Falmouth	142,	" "	206, 31,	May 13, 1891
Bourne	156,	" "	203, 54,	Oct. 27, 1892
Y-an-no	175,	" "	213, 57,	

Total—Corps, 6; members, 274.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

North Adams	32,	Auxiliary to Post	79,	80,	Sept. 18, 1883
Pittsfield	37,	" "	125,	142,	April 23, 1884
Pittsfield	129,	" "	197,	98,	Jan. 13, 1889
Adams	160,	" "	126,	37,	March 29, 1894
Great Barrington	139,	" "	196,	30,	March 18, 1891
Lee	149,	" "	177,	35,	March 23, 1892
Williamstown	155,	" "	209,	29,	Oct. 21, 1892
Sheffield	162,	" "	210,	32,	May 18, 1894

Total—Corps, 8; members, 483.

BRISTOL COUNTY.

Attleboro	45,	Auxiliary to Post	145,	35,	Sept. 18, 1881
Eastondale	52,	" "	52,	33,	May 15, 1888
New Bedford	53,	" "	1,	80,	Sept. 27, 1885
Mansfield	61,	" "	170,	47,	Jan. 6, 1886
New Bedford	95,	" "	190,	66,	Jan. 3, 1891
Fall River	106,	" "	46,	142,	May 21, 1888
North Attleboro	117,	" "	126,	76,	Feb. 18, 1889
Taunton	120,	" "	3,	98,	March 21, 1889

Total—Corps, 8; members, 577.

DUKES COUNTY.

Cottage City	134,	Auxiliary to Post	201,	86,	Dec. 4, 1890
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Total—Corps, 1; members, 86.

ESSEX COUNTY.

	Corps No.		No. Mems.	Chartered.
Georgetown	4,	Auxiliary to Post 108,	58,	April 2, 1883
Danvers	12,	" "	90, 146,	April 12, 1883
Amesbury	19,	" "	122, 125,	Jan. 27, 1882
Marblehead	23,	" "	82, 90,	April 4, 1885
Merrimack	24,	" "	114, 101,	Jan. 26, 1883
Newburyport	26,	" "	49, 127,	Feb. 14, 1883
Lynn	29,	" "	5, 330,	Feb. 20, 1883
Beverly	30,	" "	89, 176,	May 28, 1883
Salem	34,	" "	34, 176,	Sept. 7, 1883
Ipswich	42,	" "	128, 142,	May 19, 1884
Saugus	46,	" "	95, 68,	Jan. 16, 1885
Peabody	50,	" "	50, 59,	May 27, 1885
Lawrence	55,	" "	39, 138,	Oct. 7, 1885
Gloucester	77,	" "	45, 101,	Dec. 29, 1886
Groveland	87,	" "	101, 42,	March 21, 1887
Beverly Farms	93,	" "	188, 72,	Oct. 14, 1887
Haverhill	96,	" "	47, 157,	Jan. 23, 1889
Essex	114,	" "	152, 43,	Oct. 25, 1888
Manchester	119,	" "	67, 86,	March 14, 1889
Swampscott	122,	" "	118, 65,	June 6, 1889
Andover	127,	" "	99, 64,	April 22, 1890
Rockport	173,	" "	106, 96,	June 5, 1898

Total—Corps, 22; members, 2,462.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Orange	17,	Auxiliary to Post 17,	143,	June 12, 1886
Colerain	48,	" "	20, 53,	April 29, 1886
Shelburne Falls	56,	" "	93, 45,	Nov. 6, 1885
Greenfield	57,	" "	174, 102,	Nov. 13, 1885
Turners Falls	64,	" "	162, 65,	Feb. 15, 1886
Montague	92,	" "	150, 48,	June 22, 1887
Conway	98,	" "	164, 18,	Jan. 18, 1888
Northfield	164,	" "	171, 43,	Dec. 20, 1894
South Deerfield	167,	" "	84, 27,	April 24, 1895

Total—Corps, 9; members, 544.

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

Springfield	14,	Auxiliary to Post 16,	231,	Feb. 26, 1880
Westfield	22,	" "	41, 70,	Dec. 15, 1882
Holyoke	38,	" "	71, 121,	April 10, 1884
Palmer	76,	" "	107, 58,	Nov. 19, 1886
Monson	145,	" "	155, 67,	Oct. 23, 1891

Total—Corps, 5; members, 547.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

	Corps No.	Auxiliary to Post	No. Mems.	Chartered.
Northampton . . .	18,	86,	144,	May 13, 1885
Easthampton . . .	58,	" "	166,	Dec. 7, 1885
Belchertown . . .	81,	" "	97,	Jan. 6, 1896
Blandford	104,	" "	176,	May 15, 1888
Ware	115,	" "	85,	Dec. 7, 1888
Amherst	116,	" "	147,	Jan. 25, 1889
South Hadley . . .	135,	" "	183,	Jan. 5, 1891
Plainfield	158,	" "	198,	Nov. 22, 1892
Enfield	165,	" "	211,	Dec. 22, 1894

Total—Corps, 9; members, 424.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Cambridge	2,	Auxiliary to Post	56,	89,	May 20, 1879
Medford	5,	" "	66,	123,	May 27, 1879
Holliston	6,	" "	6,	67,	Jan. 5, 1882
Ashland	15,	" "	18,	61,	April 12, 1880
Melrose	16,	" "	4,	72,	Jan. 6, 1881
Somerville	21,	" "	139,	190,	May 11, 1882
Waltham	25,	" "	29,	180,	Jan. 19, 1883
Cambridgeport . .	27,	" "	30,	128,	Feb. 16, 1883
Lowell	33,	" "	120,	79,	Nov. 21, 1883
Everett	40,	" "	156,	92,	May 22, 1884
Arlington	43,	" "	36,	87,	June 19, 1884
Ayer	49,	" "	48,	54,	Jan. 26, 1885
Watertown	59,	" "	81,	84,	Nov. 30, 1885
West Acton	62,	" "	138,	90,	Jan. 30, 1886
Stoneham	65,	" "	75,	105,	Feb. 17, 1886
East Cambridge . .	66,	" "	57,	137,	Feb. 22, 1886
Wakefield	69,	" "	12,	134,	March 17, 1886
Lowell	75,	" "	42,	57,	Feb. 5, 1895
Groton	83,	" "	115,	27,	May 21, 1894
Woburn	84,	" "	33,	86,	March 17, 1887
Lexington	97,	" "	119,	71,	Jan. 10, 1888
Reading	128,	" "	194,	122,	April 30, 1890
Pepperell	131,	" "	195,	27,	July 16, 1890
Hopkinton	138,	" "	14,	78,	March 12, 1891
Woburn	161,	" "	161,	107,	March 17, 1887
Malden	172,	" "	40,	68,	May 22, 1896
South Framingham .	174,	" "	163,	113,	Nov. 2, 1897

Total—Corps, 27; members, 2,522.

NANTUCKET COUNTY.

Nantucket	86,	Auxiliary to Post	207,	99,	April 1, 1897
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Total—Corps, 1; members, 99.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

	Corps No.	Auxiliary to Post	No. Mems.	Chartered.
Hyde Park	35,	121,	86,	Feb. 18, 1884
Foxboro	41,	" "	91, 67,	April 11, 1884
Walpole	54,	" "	157, 48,	Sept. 28, 1885
Plainville	74,	" "	133, 49,	Oct. 19, 1886
Norwood	78,	" "	169, 58,	July 22, 1887
Needham	85,	" "	181, 39,	March 23, 1887
Franklin	89,	" "	60, 73,	June 15, 1891
Braintree	94,	" "	87, 80,	Nov. 14, 1887
Stoughton	99,	" "	72, 43,	Jan. 30, 1888
Canton	100,	" "	94, 58,	July 19, 1892
Weymouth	102,	" "	58, 240,	Jan. 31, 1893
Quincy	103,	" "	88, 78,	May 7, 1888
West Medway	107,	" "	130, 36,	June 5, 1888
Brookline	109,	" "	143, 94,	June 8, 1888
Randolph	110,	" "	110, 87,	April 1, 1887
Avon	123,	" "	193, 17,	June 27, 1889
Milton	147,	" "	102, 45,	Dec. 1, 1903

Total—Corps, 17; members, 1,198.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

Brockton	7,	Auxiliary to Post	13,	285,	Oct. 29, 1870
Middleboro	8,	" "	8,	113,	Jan. 12, 1885
Norwell	13,	" "	112,	45,	May 6, 1885
Marshfield Hills	44,	" "	189,	51,	Jan. 4, 1893
East Bridgewater	47,	" "	124,	50,	Jan. 16, 1885
Hingham	60,	" "	104,	88,	Dec. 17, 1885
Abington	108,	" "	73,	105,	Jan. 17, 1900
Pembroke	111,	" "	111,	60,	April 21, 1891
Scituate	121,	" "	31,	45,	April 5, 1889
Plymouth	124,	" "	76,	275,	Dec. 3, 1889
Whitman	136,	" "	78,	152,	Jan. 6, 1891
Rockland	137,	" "	74,	191,	Jan. 14, 1891
Duxbury	143,	" "	165,	38,	Sept. 8, 1891
Hanover	144,	" "	83,	47,	Oct. 20, 1891
Hanson	146,	" "	127,	73,	Dec. 29, 1891
Wareham	151,	" "	208,	66,	May 26, 1892
Kingston	163,	" "	154,	51,	Aug. 20, 1894
Bridgewater	169,	" "	205,	64,	June 4, 1895
East Bridgewater	170,	" "	212,	62,	Jan. 7, 1896

Total—Corps, 19; members, 1,861.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

	Corps No.	Auxiliary to Post	No. Mems.	Chartered.
East Boston	3,	159,	95,	Oct. 12, 1889
Charlestown	9,	" "	149, 101,	Oct. 16, 1879
Chelsea	10,	" "	35, 95,	Oct. 23, 1879
South Boston	20,	" "	2, 87,	April 10, 1882
Boston	28,	" "	7, 130,	March 9, 1883
Charlestown	39,	" "	11, 134,	April 22, 1884
Roxbury	63,	" "	26, 205,	Jan. 25, 1886
Boston	67,	" "	134, 47,	Feb. 25, 1886
Dorchester	68,	" "	68, 210,	Feb. 23, 1886
Brighton	79,	" "	92, 141,	Jan. 11, 1887
Boston	88,	" "	21, 43,	Oct. 20, 1896
South Boston	91,	" "	32, 28,	Oct. 9, 1893
Revere	126,	" "	199, 45,	April 18, 1890
Boston	157,	" "	200, 61,	Nov. 19, 1892

Total—Corps, 14; members, 1,422.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

Fitchburg	1,	Auxiliary to Post	19,	126,	May 17, 1879
Worcester	11,	" "	10,	325,	May 4, 1883
Leominster	31,	" "	53,	163,	Dec. 29, 1885
Shrewsbury	36,	" "	135,	36,	Feb. 21, 1884
Warren	70,	" "	65,	31,	May 6, 1886
Southbridge	71,	" "	168,	86,	May 27, 1886
Milford	72,	" "	22,	199,	May 27, 1886
Northboro	73,	" "	96,	53,	June 24, 1886
Westboro	80,	" "	80,	59,	Jan. 4, 1887
Athol	82,	" "	140,	163,	Feb. 22, 1887
Gardner	90,	" "	116,	102,	May 17, 1887
Winchendon	101,	" "	153,	38,	March 9, 1888
Upton	105,	" "	105,	36,	July 19, 1888
Templeton	112,	" "	109,	61,	Sept. 5, 1888
Westminster	113,	" "	69,	101,	Jan. 27, 1890
Webster	118,	" "	61,	66,	Oct. 9, 1901
Spencer	125,	" "	37,	74,	Jan. 30, 1890
Sturbridge	130,	" "	173,	35,	May 28, 1890
Holden	140,	" "	77,	41,	April 13, 1891
Oxford	148,	" "	27,	22,	1903
Rutland	150,	" "	136,	24,	May 17, 1892
Leicester	152,	" "	131,	64,	May 27, 1892
Uxbridge	153,	" "	25,	35,	Sept. 7, 1892
North Brookfield	154,	" "	51,	45,	Oct. 6, 1892
East Douglas	159,	" "	137,	20,	Oct. 12, 1893
West Brookfield	168	" "	"	29,	
Ashburnham	171,	" "	184,	75,	Jan. 24, 1896

Total—Corps, 27; members, 2,109.

RECAPITULATION.

	Corps.	Members.
Barnstable County	6	274
Berkshire County	8	483
Bristol County	8	577
Dukes County	1	86
Essex County	22	2,462
Franklin County	9	544
Hampden County	5	547
Hampshire County	9	424
Middlesex County	27	2,522
Nantucket County	1	99
Norfolk County	17	1,198
Plymouth County	19	1,861
Suffolk County	14	1,422
Worcester County	27	2,109
Total	173	14,608

The following is a list of the largest Corps in the State:—

Gen. Lander Corps No. 29 of Lynn	330	members
Geo. H. Ward Corps No. 11 of Worcester	325	"
Fletcher Webster Corps No. 7 of Brockton	285	"
Collingwood Corps No. 124 of Plymouth	275	"
Reynolds Corps No. 102 of Weymouth	240	"
E. K. Wilcox Corps No. 14 of Springfield	231	"
Benj. Stone, Jr., Corps No. 68 of Dorchester	210	"
Thomas G. Stevenson Corps No. 63 of Roxbury	205	"
Major E. F. Fletcher Corps No. 72 of Milford	199	"
Hartsuff Corps No. 137 of Rockland	191	"
Willard C. Kingsley Corps No. 21 of Somerville	190	"
F. P. H. Rogers Corps No. 25 of Waltham	180	"
John H. Chipman, Jr., Corps No. 30 of Beverly	176	"
Phil H. Sheridan Corps No. 34 of Salem	176	"
Charles H. Stevens Corps No. 31 of Leominster	163	"
H. V. Smith Corps No. 82 of Athol	163	"
Major How Corps No. 96 of Haverhill	157	"
D. A. Russell Corps No. 136 of Whitman	152	"

The following Corps have made the largest gain in membership:—

Benj. Stone, Jr., Corps No. 68, Dorchester	38	members
Charles Russell Lowell Corps 28, Boston	33	"
Thomas G. Stevenson Corps 63, Roxbury	28	"
E. J. Griggs Corps 81, Belchertown	25	"
Dahlgren Corps 20, South Boston	23	"
Huntington F. Wolcott Corps 147, Milton	23	"
Francis Washburn Corps 79, Brighton	22	"
Malcolm Ammidown Corps 71, Southbridge	21	"
Reynolds Corps 102, Weymouth	20	"

Amount expended from the Corps Relief funds:—

First quarter	\$2,509.79	
Second quarter	1,330.50	
Third quarter	1,158.14	
Fourth quarter	2,322.77	
Total		\$7,321.20

Amount turned over to Posts:—

First quarter	\$1,749.81	
Second quarter	2,366.87	
Third quarter	1,909.10	
Fourth quarter	2,912.61	
Total		\$8,938.39

Value of relief other than money:—

First quarter	\$487.09	
Second quarter	460.06	
Third quarter	300.52	
Fourth quarter	712.68	
Total		\$1,960.35
Total value of relief		\$18,219.94

The number of soldiers and members of their families assisted is as follows:—

First quarter	442	
Second quarter	362	
Third quarter	232	
Fourth quarter	589	
Total		1,625

The following is a list of the Corps that expended the largest amounts for relief during 1904:—

Gen. Lander Corps No. 29 of Lynn	\$283.93
E. K. Wilcox Corps No. 14 of Springfield	212.25
George H. Ward Corps No. 11 of Worcester	204.42
Willard C. Kinsley Corps No. 21 of Somerville	202.75
Phil H. Sheridan Corps No. 34 of Salem	190.64
Richard Borden Corps No. 106 of Fall River	159.12
Reynolds Corps 102 of Weymouth	142.85
Fletcher Webster Corps 7 of Brockton	140.20
John H. Chipman, Jr., Corps 30 of Beverly	139.70
Major How Corps 96 of Haverhill	134.06

W. L. Baker Corps No. 18 of Northampton	\$131.60
Benj. Stone, Jr., Corps No. 68 of Dorchester	125.51
Charles Russell Lowell Corps No. 28 of Boston	124.33
Gen. Kilpatrick Corps 38 of Holyoke	120.52
H. V. Smith Corps 82 of Athol	119.27
Gen. James Appleton Corps No. 42 of Ipswich	118.30
William H. Bartlett Corps No. 120 of Taunton	111.60
Collingwood Corps No. 124 of Plymouth	109.63
Dahlgren Corps No. 20 of South Boston	107.05
Major E. F. Fletcher Corps No. 72 of Milford	100.84

The following Corps have reported the largest amounts turned over to Posts:—

William H. Smart Corps No. 27 of Cambridgeport	\$663.22
George H. Ward Corps No. 11 of Worcester	400.00
Gen. McPherson Corps No. 108 of Abington	335.00
Fletcher Webster Corps No. 7 of Brockton	300.00
John H. Chipman, Jr., Corps No. 30 of Beverly	278.68
Gen. Lander Corps No. 29 of Lynn	275.20
Ward Corps No. 12 of Danvers	273.50
Thomas G. Stevenson Corps No. 63 of Roxbury	249.00
Paul Revere Corps No. 103 of Quincy	236.40
John A. Hawes Corps No. 3 of East Boston	234.75
H. V. Smith Corps No. 82 of Athol	223.05
Phil. H. Sheridan Corps No. 34 of Salem	215.60
W. W. Rockwell Corps No. 37 of Pittsfield	185.09
E. K. Wilcox Corps No. 14 of Springfield	179.59
Gen. James Appleton Corps No. 42 of Ipswich	178.70
F. P. H. Rogers Corps No. 25 of Waltham	159.00
Chas. D. Sandford Corps No. 32 of North Adams	150.00
Union Corps No. 50 of Peabody	150.00
Col. Allen Corps No. 77 of Gloucester	149.26
Major E. F. Fletcher Corps No. 72 of Milford	142.50
Gen. S. Thayer Corps No. 94 of Braintree	133.00
R. A. Pierce Corps No. 95 of New Bedford	132.03
C. M. Packard Corps No. 123 of Avon	128.06
John H. Chipman, Jr., Corps No. 23 of Marblehead	127.67
Gen. Kilpatrick Corps No. 38 of Holyoke	125.00
Major How Corps No. 96 of Haverhill	125.00
Charles H. Stevens Corps No. 31 of Leominster	110.00
Veteran Corps No. 128 of Reading	110.00
H. Clay Wade Corps No. 134 of Cottage City	103.00
Charles Russell Lowell Corps No. 28 of Boston	100.00
Abraham Lincoln Corps No. 39 of Charlestown	100.00
Benj. Stone, Jr., Post No. 68 of Dorchester	100.00

H. M. Warren Corps No. 69 of Wakefield	\$100.00
Gen. George G. Meade Corps No. 97 of Lexington	100.00
Revere Corps No. 100 of Canton	100.00
Collingwood Corps No. 124 of Plymouth	100.00

The following Corps expended the largest amounts for Memorial Day work:—

Thomas M. Gardner Corps No. 86 of Nantucket	\$125.00
Isaac B. Patten Corps No. 59 of Watertown	116.80
Thomas G. Stevenson Corps No. 63 of Roxbury	100.00
Gen. Lander Corps No. 29 of Lynn	58.00
William H. Bartlett Corps No. 120 of Taunton	57.00
Theodore Winthrop Corps No. 10 of Chelsea	51.22
George H. Ward Corps No. 11 of Worcester	50.15

The list of Corps contributing the largest amounts for permanent memorials is as follows:—

Hartsuff Corps No. 137 of Rockland	\$525.00
D. Willard Robinson Corps No. 13 of Norwell	300.00
H. S. Greenleaf Corps No. 48 of Colerain	205.00
Joseph E. Simmons Corps No. 111 of Pembroke	197.25
Benj. F. Butler Corps No. 75 of Lowell	176.30

Gen. Lander Corps No. 29 of Lynn expended \$97.62 for the dinner tendered the Massachusetts ex-Prisoners of War Association.

DEPARTMENT RELIEF COMMITTEE.

The importance of the work conducted by the Committee having charge of the disbursement of relief at headquarters can only be fully realized by those who are thoroughly familiar with the perplexing duties devolving upon this Committee,—duties that are performed in a spirit of unselfishness and with a desire to justly deal with the applicants for assistance, while realizing that the fund at their disposal is a trust which should be safely guarded, representing as it does the tireless effort of members who are sacrificing time and money for the cause.

The Department is highly favored in having such efficient officers as Mrs. M. Susan Goodale, Chairman, and Mrs. Rebecca A. Pickett, Secretary, whose years of service in many lines of work for our Order are invaluable. Their worthy associates, Mrs. Lydia P. Hall, Mrs. Lucretia H. Wetherell, Mrs. Marie C. Blake, Mrs. Annie E. Higgins, and Mrs. Grace E. Runyan, have served their respective Corps with fidelity, and have shown the same desire to aid in the broader work of the Department.

My relations with the Department Relief Committee have been pleasant,

and I am glad to add my testimony to that of the Department President in appreciation of their efficiency and worth.

The address of Mrs. Warne, Department President, the report of Mrs. Blackmar, Delegate-at-Large, and the detailed account of Mrs. Gilman, Chairman of the Executive Committee of Arrangements for the National Convention in Boston, contain information of interest and value regarding the Twenty-sixth National Convention held in August last.

The official representatives who attended the sessions as voting members from Massachusetts were:—

Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, Past National President.
 Mrs. Lizabeth A. Turner, Past National President.
 Mrs. Eleanor B. Wheeler, Past National Secretary.
 Mrs. Harriette L. Reed, Past National Secretary.
 Mrs. Annie M. Warne, Department President.
 Mrs. Harriette A. Ralph, Department Senior Vice-President.
 Mrs. Alice M. Goddard, Department Junior Vice-President.
 Miss Mary E. Elliot, Department Secretary.

Mrs. M. Susan Goodale, Mrs. S. Agnes Parker, Mrs. Mary E. Knowles, Mrs. Augusta A. Wales, Mrs. Mary G. Deane, Mrs. Emily L. Clark, Mrs. Eva T. Cook, Mrs. Emilie L. W. Waterman, Mrs. Angie A. Robinson, Mrs. Mary L. Gilman, Mrs. Maria W. Going, Mrs. Dorcas H. Lyman, and Mrs. Clara H. B. Evans, Past Department Presidents; and the following elected

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES.

Mrs. Helen R. Blackmar, Delegate-at-Large, Hingham.	Mrs. Marie J. Kendall, Gardner.
Mrs. Ellen S. Cain, Holyoke.	Mrs. Mary E. Jennings, Warren.
Mrs. Helen C. Mulford, Chatham.	Mrs. Hattie A. Westcott, Milford.
Mrs. Nettie M. Lambert, Campello.	Mrs. Cinderella E. Clement, Merrimack.
Miss Hattie L. Shute, Edgartown.	Mrs. Mary S. Langdon, Ipswich.
Miss Carrie A. Fisher, Watertown.	Mrs. Sadie Haskell, Essex.
Mrs. Jennie A. Pendergrace, Wakefield.	Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols, Charlestown.
Mrs. Susie E. Leonard, Reading.	Mrs. S. Jessie Crowell, Chelsea.
Mrs. Abbie J. Smith, Hyde Park.	Mrs. Selina Sprague, Abington.
Mrs. Hannah M. Corson, Franklin.	Mrs. Nellie E. Richardson, Woburn.
	Mrs. Lillie E. Tibbitts, Danvers.

Having been chosen by the Department Council Chairman of the Press Committee for the newspaper work preliminary to the sessions of the Convention, I appointed the following who rendered able service on the Committee: Mrs. Harriette A. Ralph, Department Senior Vice-President, Secretary of the Committee; Mrs. C. Elizabeth Berry, Department Press Correspondent; Miss Elizabeth A. Perry, Mrs. Edith K. Estes, Mrs. Margaret J. Magennis, Miss Nellie M. Tracey, Miss Nellie Mecuen, and Mrs. Fannie A. Brown. Many pages of printed matter were published previous to and during the Convention. The history of the Woman's Relief Corps, written

by Mrs. C. Elizabeth Berry for the *New England Magazine*, and her illustrated sketches in the *Suburban* and reports in the *Boston Transcript*, furnished valuable information to the public regarding our work.

Miss Elizabeth A. Perry who for several years has conducted the column in the *Boston Sunday Herald* "In Aid of the Veteran," gave invaluable service in the daily and *Sunday Herald*. Her reports and articles comprised many columns, and I am indebted to her for assistance rendered in all the work for the press.

Mrs. Magennis, one of the oldest newspaper representatives in Boston, reported for the evening *Traveller*, the interests of which she has served nearly thirty years. Mrs. Estes, who for sixteen years has published excellent reports for the Woman's Relief Corps in papers and magazines, represented the *Boston Post*. Mrs. Fannie A. Brown, Press Correspondent of Needham Corps of Lawrence, which was organized nineteen years ago through her efforts, represented the Committee locally, and would gladly have accomplished more active work, had not serious illness prevented, for her heart is in the cause.

Miss Nellie Mecuen and Miss Nellie M. Tracey performed promptly every duty assigned them, and the latter aided the representatives of the press during the sessions of Convention.

To Mr. J. Harry Hartley, military editor *Boston Globe*, Mr. A. K. Tisdale military editor of the *Boston Courier*, the reporters of the *Boston Journal*, the *American*, and other papers, thanks are extended for liberal space given and for special articles of public interest.

To Mrs. Ralph, Secretary of the Committee, I am under special obligations for her very valuable assistance rendered from the beginning of the plans for the Convention to its close.

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Warne, Department President, and her Council, press headquarters were established in the Department Rooms in Boylston Building, and were in charge of the following, who accepted the position as aides to the Press Committee:—

Mrs. Tryphena C. Berry, Mrs. Helen C. Mulford, Mrs. Ruth M. Greene, Mrs. Mary M. Graham, Mrs. Annie Stearns, Mrs. Adrianna M. V. Cloyes, Mrs. Addie Daylin, Mrs. Delia A. Neale, Mrs. Lottie M. Baldwin, Mrs. Ruth A. Freelove, Mrs. Annie Torrens, Mrs. Charlotte Bacon, Mrs. Sarah E. Woodward, and Miss Clara Z. Elliot.

These aides assisted in keeping open house during the week, and Mrs. T. C. Berry, Chairman, was on duty daily, and served so faithfully that she was unable to enjoy much of the week's celebrations elsewhere.

It was my privilege to attend all the meetings of the Executive Committee, and also of the Entertainment Committee, of which I was a member. I acknowledge with hearty thanks the assistance rendered the press by Mrs. Mary L. Gilman, Chairman, and Mrs. Maria W. Going, Secretary, of the Executive Committee.

A gift that will always be treasured is the souvenir spoon presented with a magnificent basket of flowers by Mrs. Etta A. Lockhart, Chairman of the Floral Committee, on behalf of that Committee.

The courtesies extended by Gen. Lander Corps 29 of Lynn and Collingwood Corps 124 of Plymouth during Convention week are appreciated, and were occasions of rare enjoyment.

Abraham Lincoln Corps 39 of Charlestown also extended hospitalities that will be remembered with pleasure.

A scrap-book containing reports of the various events of the week, carefully arranged by Mrs. Going, Secretary of the Executive Committee, has been presented Department Headquarters, and will be a valuable souvenir of historic interest in future years.

We are certainly greatly indebted to Mr. Elmer E. Chickering, the official photographer of the G.A.R., for a liberal donation of photographs, the cost of which would have amounted to a large sum, had he charged for the same. His assistance was invaluable to the Press Committee, and should be most heartily appreciated by all the members of this Department. To Mrs. Nellie M. Gross of Dahlgren Corps 20, South Boston, is due the credit for suggesting the plan to Mr. Chickering.

Only words of praise can be spoken for the faithful and energetic band of workers throughout the State, to whose efforts is due the success of the Boston Convention, 1904, which was a memorable one in the history of the Order.

SPECIAL GATHERINGS.

It was a great privilege to have the opportunity of attending the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of E. V. Sumner Corps No. 1 of Fitchburg (the pioneer Corps of our Order), Charles Beck Corps No. 2 of Cambridge, S. C. Lawrence Corps No. 5 of Medford, Fletcher Webster Corps No. 7 of Brockton, Major George L. Stearns Corps No. 9 of Charlestown, and Theodore Winthrop Corps No. 10 of Chelsea.

The quarter centennial of these Corps was observed in an appropriate manner, and the influence of their twenty-five years' service, so nobly performed, was indeed an inspiration.

One of the first gatherings of the year I attended was the joint anniversary of Charles Russell Lowell Post and Relief Corps of Boston. I also had the pleasure of participating in the anniversary observances of Abraham Lincoln Corps No. 39 of Charlestown, P. Stearns Davis Corps No. 66 of East Cambridge, and Huntington F. Wolcott Corps No. 147 of Milton.

The reception tendered Mrs. Warne, Department President, by F. P. H. Rogers Post and Corps of Waltham, was a flattering testimonial from friends in her home city where she is loved and honored. The greetings of hundreds of friends from other parts of the State were evidences of the regard in which she is held.

The exemplification at Milford, when Major E. F. Fletcher Corps 72 conducted the work in an admirable manner, and the formation of the Middlesex County Association at Lowell, which I attended as a guest of James A. Garfield Corps 33, were occasions of interest, as were the subsequent meetings of the County Association held at West Acton and Everett, where I was a guest, also the meeting of the Suffolk County Association under the auspices of Corps 28 of Boston.

A notable event of the year was the annual reunion of the Massachusetts ex-Prisoners of War Association at Lynn, when Gen. Lander Corps of that city furnished an elaborate dinner in honor of these heroes of many battlefields who suffered in rebel prisons.

The service at the grave of Capt. J. G. B. Adams, Past Commander-in-Chief, was an impressive tribute to his memory, on this the anniversary of his death, by his former comrades and associates at the State House.

To Benj. Stone, Jr., Corps 68 of Dorchester and Abraham Lincoln Corps 39 of Charlestown I am indebted for courtesies extended as one of the guests at the reception given Department Officers by these Corps, and I am also grateful for all other invitations extended, and regret that I was obliged to decline so many.

It has been impossible for me to participate in the work of Willard C. Kinsley Corps of Somerville, of which I am a member, but I acknowledge the kindly greetings accorded me when attending any of its gatherings. The celebration of Washington's Birthday, the May Breakfast, Harvest Supper sale, inspection and installation of Corps 21, I had the privilege of enjoying in company with Mrs. Ralph, Department Senior Vice-President, and other friends.

An event that will ever be recalled with pleasure was the reception given by Commander-in-chief Blackmar and Mrs. Blackmar, National Aide, at their spacious residence on Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. The gracious hospitality extended, the description of some of the numerous relics and souvenirs representing historic fields and many lands, and the presence of the National President and other friends, combined to render the occasion one of rare interest.

Give "honor to whom honor is due" was well exemplified by Corps 28 and Post 7 of Boston in the complimentary reception they tendered Miss M. Belle Martin on the closing night of the old year. I was glad to add my testimony to that of the Department President and others to the faithful work of Miss Martin as President two years, and in the work for the Order at large.

I also appreciate the courtesy of Mrs. Etta A. Lockhart in including me among her guests at the pleasant reception at her home.

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

The pleasant relations with all the Department officers and members, and the friendly acts of kindness of Mrs. Warne, President, and Mrs. Fuller, Treasurer, in all the work of the year, have lightened the duties of the office, and added to the friendships already formed.

With only the sincere desire to fully maintain the principles of her obligation and to promote the work in every possible way, Mrs. Warne has labored earnestly and with untiring devotion and self-sacrifice. With a heart consecrated to the work of the Grand Army of the Republic and with a love for the Woman's Relief Corps, she has esteemed it a privilege to use her best endeavors for their success.

Her kindly consideration and friendship will always be remembered, and her thoughtfulness in assuming some of the duties of my office in order to enable me to attend the press work of the National Convention during the summer is most sincerely appreciated.

To Past Commander E. M. Warne of Post 29, Waltham, I am indebted for clerical assistance rendered, and assure him of my cordial thanks.

To my friend and coworker, Mrs. Fuller, my heart goes out with love and gratitude, not only for constant favors received, but for her consecration to the work of the Order, of which she is the recognized pioneer. May she have health and strength for many years to continue in the cause for which she has given her time and talents for more than a quarter of a century, is our earnest prayer.

There have been issued from Headquarters 7 General Orders and 2 Circular Letters of the Department President and 11 National General Orders and Circulars. As we have a large mailing list, the distribution of these together with numerous blanks and documents, necessitates the use of many thousand envelopes. There are several copies of some of the printed Journals of former years on hand, which can be supplied to members desiring them. Some, however, are out of print, and will in time be of historic value. There is an increasing demand for these Journals among public libraries, and by request I have furnished Hon. Samuel A. Green, secretary and librarian of the Massachusetts Historical Society, copies for distribution to libraries in other parts of the country.

The libraries receiving bound copies of the Journals are named in my report to the Department Council, and printed in the Council records of Jan. 28, 1905. I

Recommend that bound copies of Department Journals be supplied public libraries this year, as usual.

By advice of the Department President, Senior Vice-President, and Treasurer, I have destroyed many old reports and other papers that have accumulated during the past few years, preserving only those of real value. I

Recommend that the Department President and Secretary be author-

ized to arrange, classify, and have bound various documents and also samples of printed work issued in the early days of the Order, that such material may be of permanent value.

The telephone has been of great service, not only to the officers and committees at Headquarters, but also to members in other parts of the State, and justifies the expense incurred. My thanks are due Miss Sarah L. Mecuen, Chairman, and the other members of the Committee for their interest in this matter.

For the typewriter voted at the last Convention I am also grateful, as it is an aid in the office work. Mrs. Evans, who recommended the telephone, typewriter, and stand in her official capacity as Department President, and the members who indorsed her recommendations, have the assurance that these additions to the supplies at Headquarters are appreciated.

The portrait, beautifully framed, of Mrs. Clara H. B. Evans, Past Department President, is a valued gift to Headquarters from W. W. Rockwell Corps 37 of Pittsfield.

I acknowledge the following gifts for Headquarters library:—

The New England Magazine, from Mrs. C. Elizabeth Berry, containing her sketch of the Woman's Relief Corps; a Report of Andersonville, from Mrs. L. A. Turner, chairman of the National Andersonville Board, and "Reminiscences of My Life in Camp," by Mrs. Susie King Taylor; also Reports from other departments and Journals and General Orders from Department Headquarters, G.A.R.

There have been numerous committee meetings the past year, and we have been honored by the presence of National and Department Officers of the G.A.R. and W.R.C. and Army Nurse Association. The official visit of Commander-in-Chief Blackmar and staff is remembered among the pleasant events of the year at Headquarters.

The assistance given by the official printer, E. B. Stillings, the present Assistant Adjutant-General of the National G.A.R. and Commander of Post 113, Boston, is acknowledged with appreciation; and thanks are hereby extended to Assistant Adjutant-General Preble and other officials of the G.A.R. who have evinced an interest in our work.

Although many years have passed since the Woman's Relief Corps began its laudable mission and tendered its services to the Grand Army of the Republic, its work still appeals to the highest thought and grandest effort of loyal womanhood.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

MARY E. ELLIOT,
Department Secretary.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER.

BOSTON, Feb. 1, 1905.

Miss MARY E. ELLIOT,

Department Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: In compliance with Rules and Regulations, I herewith submit a financial statement for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904, as follows:—

ACCOUNT CURRENT.

SARAH E. FULLER, *Department Treasurer, in account with*

DEPARTMENT MASS. WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

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Cash on hand, General Fund, Dec. 31, 1903	\$606.73	
“ Soldiers' Home Fund	395.09	
“ Department Relief Fund	1,542.68	
“ W.R.C. Dormitory Fund	124.00	
Total cash in all funds, Dec. 31, 1903		\$2,668.50
Rec'd for <i>per capita</i> tax, first quarter	\$1,419.20	
“ “ “ second quarter	1,424.40	
“ “ “ third quarter	1,446.00	
“ “ “ fourth quarter	1,452.40	
Total received for <i>per capita</i> tax		5,742.00
Rec'd from sale of supplies, first quarter	\$887.71	
“ “ “ second quarter	470.45	
“ “ “ third quarter	252.45	
“ “ “ fourth quarter	558.61	
Total received from sale of supplies		2,169.22
Rec'd donations for Soldiers' Home Fund	\$60	
“ “ Department Relief Fund	1,098.44	
“ “ Soldiers' Home	64.80	
“ “ Soldiers' Home Dormitory	5.00	
“ “ Andersonville Fund	3.76	
“ “ Memorial Day, South	233.75	
Amounts carried forward	\$1,406.35	\$10,579.72

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$1,406.35	\$10,579.72
Rec'd donations for Monument Loyal Women . .	7.00	
“ “ Silk Flag for High School . .	25.00	
“ “ Flags for Andersonville . . .	34.08	
“ “ Dept. Reception at Vendome .	10.00	
“ “ Dividend, Central National Bank	61.56	
“ “ Charter Fee	5.00	
“ “ Sale of Souvenir Badges . . .	88.85	
“ “ Interest, Soldiers' Home Fund,	13.76	
“ “ Interest, Dept. Relief Fund . .	18.31	
Total received for all funds		<u>1,669.91</u>
Total receipts to be accounted for		<u>\$12,249.63</u>

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By expenditures, first quarter	\$2,496.21	
“ second quarter	1,571.11	
“ third quarter	2,207.01	
“ fourth quarter	<u>1,533.31</u>	
Total miscellaneous expenditures,		\$7,807.64
By expenditures, Soldiers' Home Fund,	\$10.20	
“ Dept. Relief Fund . .	\$67.03	
“ Soldiers' Home Dona-		
tions	59.80	
“ Andersonville Fund .	3.76	
“ Memorial Day,		
South	233.75	
“ Monument to Loyal		
Women	<u>7.00</u>	
Total expenditures for the funds,		\$1,181.54
Total expenditures for the year,		<u>\$8,989.18</u>
Balance to new account		<u><u>\$3,260.45</u></u>

Above balance is in the following funds:—

Balance General Fund.	\$922.72	
“ Soldiers' Home Fund	399.25	
“ Department Relief Fund . .	1,792.40	
“ Soldiers' Home Donations . .	5.00	
“ Soldiers' Home Dormitory . .	129.00	
“ Andersonville, Flag Fund . .	<u>12.08</u>	
Total cash in all funds, Dec. 31, 1904 . .		<u><u>\$3,260.45</u></u>

EXPENDITURES FIRST QUARTER, 1904.

National Treasurer, <i>per capita</i> tax, 14,192 members	\$354.80
" " supplies, as per bills rendered.	327.03
Department President, Mrs. Evans, postage	2.35
" " " " postage on invitations to anniversary	5.38
" " " " telegrams . . . . .	.89
" " " " travelling expenses	2.70
" " " " office expenses in January,	4.05
" " " " lunches in February	1.20
" " " " hotel expenses during Con- vention	6.50
" " " " car-fares February 1 to 12, . . . . .	.75
" " " " express on trunk	1.25
Department President, Mrs. Warne, hotel expenses February 10	2.50
" " " " attending Council meeting . . . . .	.75
" " " " office expenses from Feb- ruary 11	4.75
" " " " travelling expenses	1.75
" " " " postage . . . . .	.75
Department Senior Vice-President, representing Department at Weymouth . . . . .	.85
Department Secretary, salary	125.00
" " postage on Department Journals, 1903,	5.00
" " postage on Orders, Quarterly Reports, and Credential Cards.	38.23
" " telegrams	1.37
" " messenger service	2.85
" " desk supplies as per bills	2.20
" " stationery for Convention . . . . .	.80
" " express on valise to church . . . . .	.50
Department Treasurer, salary	125.00
" " postage	24.05
" " express on supplies from Syracuse, N.Y.,	2.90
" " express on gold badges from Philadel- phia	2.00
" " express on box from Medford to bank, . . . . .	.25
" " desk supplies as per bills	1.30
" " carriage one hour, official work	1.00
Department Chaplain, attending Council meeting	2.30
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,053.00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,053.00
Department Counselor, Mrs. Lyman, representing Department at Mr. Lowd's funeral, Salem	1.29
" " " " carriage from station at Salem . . . . .	.50
" " " " representing Department at Pembroke	1.94
Department Inspector, Mrs. Jones, representing Department at East Douglas	2.72
" " " " postage	1.90
Department Patriotic Instructor, attending Council meeting .	.60
" " " " postage	2.94
Department Patriotic I. and I. Officer, attending Council meeting	6.84
Mrs. Annie C. Shattuck, attending Council meeting	2.50
" " " " auditing books twice	5.00
" " " " auditing books Department Relief Committee . . . . .	.30
" Mary A. Beal, attending two Council meetings . . . . .	.84
" " " " auditing books four times	2.30
" " " " auditing books, Dept. Relief Committee .	.44
" M. Susan Goodale, Ch. Dept. Relief Com., office expenses,	3.00
" " " " " " " " car-fares	1.80
" " " " " " " " postage	2.02
" " " " " " " " testimonial from Convention	50.00
" Rebecca A. Pickett, Sec. Ch. Dept. Relief Com., car-fares,	7.02
" Clara H. B. Evans, expense compiling Dept. Journal . .	6.08
" Maria W. Going, clerical work for Dept. Secretary . . .	20.00
" Lizzie I. Fielding, clerical work for Dept. Treasurer . . .	5.00
" Ella J. Fuller, clerical work for Dept. Treasurer	8.00
" Dorcas H. Lyman, compiling Dept. Journal, 1903	3.88
" Mary E. Knowles, Assistant Secretary, Dept. Convention,	10.00
" Harriet A. Ralph, postage and messages for Dept. Anni- versary	2.22
" " " " ribbon for two committee badges . . .	.95
" Sarah E. Fuller, carriage for Committee on Greetings to G.A.R.	4.00
" Ellen K. Boss, telegrams from Department Convention .	4.84
" Nellie B. Mitchell, carriage to anniversary	3.00
" Alice G. Sears, postage on invitations to anniversary . .	1.23
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,216.15

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,216.15
Mrs. Roselth Knapp, reading at anniversary	5.00
Miss Sarah L. Mecuen, lunches for 17 guests, Dept. Convention,	4.25
" Mary E. Elliot, one small register for Headquarters	1.00
D. W. Peal, rent of church for Department Convention	65.00
Geo. A. Logan, janitor service for Department Convention	10.00
Caleb P. Buckman, decorating church for Dept. Convention	15.00
Schubert Quartette, services at Department anniversary	30.00
J. D. Payne, pumping organ at Department anniversary	2.00
New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, one quarter's rent of telephone	22.50
Paine Furniture Co., reseating and repairing four chairs	5.00
Brown Durrell Co., three pieces ribbon, committee badges	7.29
" " " one piece ribbon, Con. and Guard badges,	1.23
F. E. Libby, one Smith typewriter	75.00
J. Newman & Sons, flowers for funeral Past Post Commander Albert Lowd	5.15
Thorp & Martin, desk supplies as per bills	3.60
Whitney Bros., wrapping paper and twine	4.05
Geo. A. Logan, carriage to Vendome and church anniversary speakers	1.00
Fidelity Surety Co., indemnity bond for Dept. Treasurer	8.00
Dennison Manufacturing Co., 100 mailing tubes	3.60
C. J. Jones, janitor service at Headquarters	2.00
Prince & Walker, reclining chair, testimonial to Mrs. Clara H. B. Evans	35.00
Freeland, Loomis Co., rent of Headquarters	120.00
Griffith-Stillings Press, 800 General Orders No. 7	17.75
" " " 500 postals, printed one side	6.75
" " " 175 postals, to Corps Presidents	3.75
" " " 400 engraved cards, Mrs. Evans	2.75
" " " 800 General Orders No. 1, autograph Mrs. Warne	10.00
" " " 500 ballot blocks.	3.50
" " " two show cards, Dept. Convention	1.50
" " " 78 silk badges, officers of Convention	3.00
" " " 400 invitations, inside and outside en- velopes	10.75
" " " engraving two portraits	6.00
" " " 100 General Orders No. 1	2.50
" " " reprinting 475 letter heads	4.00
" " " on account of bill, Dept. Journals	300.00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$2,014.07

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,014.07
Griffith-Stillings Press, 900 General Orders No. 2	35.00
“ “ “ 10,650 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ envelopes	21.30
“ “ “ 500 No. 9 envelopes, Miss Elliot	2.75
P. Donovan, expressing supplies	2.85
Boston Gaslight Co., gas for Headquarters	2.30
Hattie Howard, care of Headquarters	9.00
Jos. K. Davison, eighteen gold badges	301.50
Jacobs, Whitcomb Co., 38 silk flags, staffs, and stands	54.44
“ “ “ one silk flag for High School	25.00
“ “ “ four wool bunting flags	22.00
“ “ “ five dozen small flags	5.00
Robt. Torrey, engrossing charter, Corps No. 147	1.00
Department Relief Fund	219.76
Total expenditures first quarter, 1904	<u>\$2,715.97</u>

EXPENDITURES SECOND QUARTER, 1904.

National Treasurer, <i>per capita</i> tax, 14,244 members	\$356.10
“ “ supplies	295.40
Department President, travelling expenses, exemplifications	13.78
“ “ “ “ regular	10.80
“ “ office expenses	6.25
“ “ postage	2.50
“ “ telegraph and telephone messages . . . . .	.75
Department Junior Vice-President, representing Department at Field's Point, R.I.	1.50
Department Secretary, salary	125.00
“ “ postage on Aides' commissions	10.40
“ “ “ “ 100 Department Journals	10.00
“ “ “ “ letters and Gen. Orders	30.01
“ “ office supplies as per bills	3.17
“ “ messenger service . . . . .	.90
Department Treasurer, salary	125.00
“ “ postage	21.09
“ “ express on supplies, Syracuse, N.Y.	3.40
“ “ express on gold badges, Philadelphia, Pa. . . . .	.50
“ “ telegram Corps No. 166 . . . . .	.25
“ “ representing Department at Fitchburg,	2.50
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$1,019.30</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,019.30
Department Inspector, travelling expenses, exemplifications	22.56
“ “ instituting Corps No. 168	4.48
“ “ postage	5.00
“ “ carriage for official work	1.00
Department Patriotic Instructor, express on books and papers, . . . . .	.50
“ “ “ postage	5.44
“ “ “ travelling expenses	5.21
Department Assistant Inspectors, Fannie M. Jones, instructing Corps No. 101	3.38
“ “ “ Fannie M. Jones, instructing Corps No. 12 . . . . .	.96
Mrs. M. Susan Goodale, Chairman Dept. Relief Committee, office expenses	1.00
“ “ “ “ Chairman Dept. Relief Committee, car-fares . . . . .	.80
“ “ “ “ Chairman Dept. Relief Committee, postage . . . . .	.74
“ Rebecca A. Pickett, Secretary Dept. Relief Committee, car-fares March and April	4.86
“ “ “ “ Secretary, Dept. Relief Committee, May	2.16
“ Lucretia H. Wetherell, member Dept. Relief Committee, car-fares	2.40
“ Clara H. B. Evans, mileage from Pittsfield for Journal work	6.04
“ “ “ “ “ postage for Journal work	1.84
“ “ “ “ “ office expenses	2.45
“ Lizzie I. Fielding, special work for Dept. Treasurer	5.00
“ Elizabeth A. Turner, carriage for daughter Commander-in-Chief Black	2.50
“ Ella J. Fuller, special work for Dept. Treasurer	2.00
Pitts, Kimball & Co., framing photograph panel . . . . .	.50
Wm. G. J. Perry, printing corrections, Dept. Roster	3.00
E. A. Hammond, printing 500 envelopes, Dept. Inspector	1.50
New Eng. Telephone Co., exchange service	1.30
“ “ “ “ rent of telephone three months	22.50
Whitney Bros., wrapping paper and twine	1.35
New Eng. Railway Pub. Co., one year's subscription to Pathfinder . . . . .	.50
Dennison Manuf. Co., 200 mailing rolls	2.90
Freeland, Loomis Co., rent of Headquarters	120.00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,253.17

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,253.17
Griffith-Stillings Press, 52 cards, names of Counties	3.75
“ “ “ 2,000 $\frac{1}{2}$ letter heads, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11	8.50
“ “ “ 900 4 pp. circulars, Patriotic Instructor,	7.25
“ “ “ 1,000 postals, Headquarters	13.25
“ “ “ 870 Rosters, including author's corrections	68.75
“ “ “ 175 No. 9 envelopes, Mrs. E. P. Sawyer,	1.75
“ “ “ 180 postals, name of Assistant Patriotic Instructors	4.00
“ “ “ 800 4 pp. General Orders No. 3	8.50
“ “ “ 800 4 pp. General Orders No. 4	15.00
“ “ “ 800 circular letter No. 2	4.75
“ “ “ 200 No. 9 envelopes, address Sarah L. Meeuen	1.75
“ “ “ 1,000 $\frac{1}{2}$ letter heads, press notices	5.00
“ “ “ 6,125 lithograph $\frac{1}{2}$ letter heads	50.87
“ “ “ 176 postals, notice for Dept. Journals,	1.50
P. Donovan, expressing supplies	2.85
Boston Gaslight Co., gas for Headquarters . . . . .	.90
Hattie Howard, care of Headquarters	7.89
Jos. K. Davison, three gold badges	49.50
Jacobs, Whitecomb Co., 18 silk flags, with staffs and stands	24.08
“ “ “ one silk flag, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet	25.00
“ “ “ silver plate and engraving 81 letters	5.35
“ “ “ two dozen silk flags, 16 x 24.	7.00
“ “ “ one set stands . . . . .	.75
Department Relief Fund	225.01
Soldiers' Home donations	19.55
Andersonville Prison property	1.00
Memorial Day in the South	233.75
Monument to Loyal Women	7.00

Total expenditures second quarter, 1904 **\$2,057.42**

EXPENDITURES THIRD QUARTER, 1904.

National Treasurer, <i>per capita</i> tax, 14,460 members	\$361.50
“ “ supplies	65.12
Department President, travelling expenses	12.95
“ “ office expenses	12.20
“ “ postage	3.64
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$455.41</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$455.41
Department President, electrics, fares, Waltham to Headquarters and return	4.60
“ “ telegrams and telephone messages . . . . .	.50
“ “ room and board, Hotel Vendome, National Convention	30.00
“ “ transfer of trunk Waltham to hotel and return	1.00
“ “ express on satchel . . . . .	.40
“ “ service of porter, hanging banners at hotel	1.00
“ “ carriage for conference with National President	1.00
Department Secretary, salary	125.00
“ “ postage	26.43
“ “ telegrams	2.77
Department Treasurer, salary	125.00
“ “ postage	10.39
“ “ telegrams . . . . .	.88
“ “ express on supplies from Syracuse, N.Y., . . . . .	.35
Department Chaplain, attending Council meeting	2.30
“ Counselor, “ “ “	6.04
“ Inspector, telegrams for reports	1.93
“ “ postage on blanks and badges	6.50
“ I. and I. Officer, room and board, two and one-half days, Hotel Vendome	15.00
Assistant Inspectors, expense of inspections	3.83
Mrs. Katie J. Gifford, auditing books at Headquarters	2.00
“ M. Susan Goodale, Ch. Dept. Relief Committee, office expenses	2.50
“ “ “ “ Ch. Dept. Relief Committee, car-fares	1.40
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ postage	1.26
“ Rebecca A. Pickett, Secretary Dept. Relief Committee, travelling expenses	5.94
“ Sarah E. Fuller, 1 tray for ice-cooler at Headquarters . . . . .	.90
“ Lizzie I. Fielding, clerical work for Dept. Treasurer	5.00
Miss M. E. Mecuen, silk badges for Dept. Reception Committee,	13.10
“ “ “ “ postage, stationery, and telephone service,	2.08
E. A. Hammond, 1,000 silk souvenir badges for National Con.,	60.00
“ “ “ 510 invitations for Dept. Reception	8.25
“ “ “ 475 “ stamped with W.R.C. Pin	2.70
“ “ “ postage on 466 invitations	9.32
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$934.78

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$934.78
E. A. Hammond, 100 No. 9 envelopes, Dept. Inspector . . .	.75
Hotel Vendome, parlor for Dept. Headquarters, National Con- vention	60.00
“ “ 10 gallons lemonade for Dept. Reception . .	20.20
“ “ police bill at Dept. Reception	3.00
“ “ telephone messages . . . . .	.44
Chaminade Orchestra, services at Dept. Reception	11.00
New England Telephone Co., rent of telephone for Headquarters,	22.90
Harwood Bros., silver dessert spoon for Mrs. Winans	2.00
Jordan, Marsh Co., 3 pieces ribbon, delegates' badges	8.70
Dennison Manufacturing Co., 60 mailing tubes . . . . .	.87
Freeland, Loomis Co., rent of Headquarters	120.00
Griffith-Stillings Press, printing 1,200 Dept. Journals . . .	940.00
“ “ “ 800 General Orders No. 5	29.00
“ “ “ 50 “ “ extra	1.75
“ “ “ 127 silk badges, printing and engraving,	13.50
“ “ “ 100 one-half note circulars, Inspection Details	3.50
“ “ “ 100 one-half note circulars, Assistant Inspectors	6.50
P. Donovan, expressing supplies	1.75
Boston Gaslight Co., gas for Headquarters . . . . .	.50
Hattie Howard, care of Headquarters	9.50
Jacobs, Whitcomb Co., 4 silk flags, staffs, and stands	5.75
“ “ “ 2 “ “ with staffs	2.50
“ “ “ 1 wool bunting flag	7.12
Robert Torrey, engrossing charter, Corps 168	1.00
Wm. G. Webber & Co., articles for Department Rooms at Sol- diers' Home	6.95
A. T. Stearns & Co., 3 cypress shelves, Department Rooms at Soldiers' Home	3.25
Department Relief Fund	192.87
Total expenditures third quarter, 1904	<u>\$2,410.08</u>

EXPENDITURES FOURTH QUARTER, 1904.

National Treasurer, <i>per capita</i> tax, 14,524 members	\$290.48
“ “ supplies	341.21
Department President, travelling expenses	25.73
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$657.42</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$657.42
Department President, office expenses	9.30
" " postage	3.12
" " car-fares, Waltham to Headquarters and return	6.15
" " telephone messages . . . . .	.40
Department Senior Vice-President, representing Dept. at Hyde Park, Norfolk County Association . . . . .	.29
Department Senior Vice-President, representing Dept. at East Weymouth . . . . .	.65
Department Senior Vice-President, representing Dept. at Quincy . . . . .	.40
Department Senior Vice-President, representing Dept. at Plym- outh County Association	1.65
Department Senior Vice-President, representing Dept. at Min- dlesex County Association . . . . .	.77
Department Senior Vice-President, representing Lowell, Corps 33	1.30
Department Junior Vice-President, attending Council meeting .	2.00
Department Secretary, salary	125.00
" " postage	34.68
" " telegrams . . . . .	.92
" " desk supplies	1.56
Department Treasurer, salary	125.00
" " postage	21.30
" " express on supplies from Syracuse, N.Y.	3.40
" " express on four gold badges	1.00
" " desk supplies	1.20
Department Inspector, travelling expenses	15.95
" " postage	1.00
Department I. & I. Officer, printing Circular Letter to Posts,	1.00
" " " postage and envelopes . . . . .	.40
" " " travelling expenses	3.40
" " " telephone messages . . . . .	.65
Department Patriotic Instructor, attending Worcester and Franklin County Association	9.22
Department Patriotic Instructor, postage . . . . .	.75
Assistant Inspectors, expense of inspections	102.41
Mrs. S. Jennie Tirrell, auditing books twice . . . . .	.90
" " " attending Council meeting . . . . .	.90
" " " representing Dept. President at Head- quarters . . . . .	.60
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,134.69

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,134.69
Mrs. Katie J. Gifford, auditing books	2.00
“ M. Susan Goodale, Ch. Dept. Relief Committee, office expenses	3.50
“ “ “ “ Ch. Dept. Relief Committee, car-fares	1.60
“ “ “ “ Ch. Dept. Relief Committee, postage,	1.80
“ Rebecca A. Pickett, Secretary Dept. Relief Committee . travelling expenses	9.18
“ Lucretia H. Wetherell, member Relief Committee, car-fares	2.60
“ Lydia P. Hall, member Relief Committee, car-fares	2.50
“ Annie M. Warne, 175 postals for W.R.C. Day at Fair	2.75
“ Alice M. Goddard, expense of Flag Drill, day at Fair	1.96
“ L. B. McLaughlin, soloist, day at Fair	8.25
“ M. B. Walton, car-fares for talent, day at Fair . . . . .	.80
“ L. I. Fielding, special work for Dept. Treasurer	5.00
Whitney Bros., wrapping paper and twine	2.20
Boston Ice Co., ice for Headquarters, May to October	6.00
C. J. Jones, janitor, care of ice, May to October	2.50
“ “ “ service at Headquarters	3.50
New England Telephone Co., rent of telephone	22.70
“ “ “ “ exchange service . . . . .	.58
Ed. A. Hammoud, 100 silk souvenir badges	6.00
Remington Co., one typewriter table	5.00
R. H. White Co., one rug for Headquarters	4.45
“ “ “ one mat for Headquarters	1.75
Freeland, Loomis Co., rent for Headquarters	120.00
Griffith-Stillings Press, ruling 530 letter heads . . . . .	.75
“ “ “ 100 postals printed	13.25
“ “ “ 175 election certificates	5.50
“ “ “ 800 General Orders No. 6	16.50
“ “ “ 200 Blank B.	5.25
P. Donovan, expressing supplies . . . . .	.80
Boston Gaslight Co., gas for Headquarters . . . . .	.90
Hattie Howard, care of Headquarters	8.50
<i>National Tribune</i> , one year's subscription	1.00
Jos. K. Davison's Sons, four gold badges	57.50
Jacobs, Whitcomb Co., 9 silk flags, staffs, and stands	12.57
“ “ “ 2 wool bunting flags, tape finish	4.42
“ “ “ 1 silk flag, with pole complete	25.00
“ “ “ 18 wool bunting flags, tape finish	30.06
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,533.31

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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,533.31
Department Relief Fund	229.39
Soldiers' Home donations	40.25
Andersonville Fund	2.76
Total expenditures fourth quarter, 1904	<u>\$1,805.71</u>

SOLDIERS' HOME FUND.

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1903	\$395.09	
Received, Annie C. Shattuck . . . . .	.60	
" interest on deposit	13.76	
Total receipts		\$409.45
Expended for the Dept. Rooms at Sol- diers' Home		10.20
Balance Dec. 31, 1904		<u>\$399.25</u>

DEPARTMENT RELIEF FUND.

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1903	\$1,542.68	
Received, Treasurer Ex. Committee National Convention	729.00	
" Barnstable County Association, W.R.C.,	5.00	
" New England Trust Co., interest on de- posit	18.31	
" Corps No. 2, Cambridge	23.00	
" " 7, Brockton	10.00	
" " 8, Middleboro	4.20	
" " 12, Danvers	5.00	
" " 16, Melrose	1.00	
" " 21, Somerville	10.00	
" " 25, Waltham	10.00	
" " 26, Newburyport	2.00	
" " 29, Lynn	3.00	
" " 34, Salem	10.00	
" " 39, Charlestown	5.00	
" " 42, Ipswich	3.00	
" " 48, Colerain	3.00	
" " 50, Peabody	10.00	
" " 59, Watertown	5.00	
" " 61, Mansfield	1.00	
" " 62, West Acton	5.00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		<u>\$2,405.19</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$2,405.19
Received, Corps No.	64, Turners Falls	1.00
"	" 65, Stoneham	1.00
"	" 68, Dorchester	3.00
"	" 69, Wakefield	3.00
"	" 70, Warren	5.00
"	" 71, Southbridge	3.50
"	" 78, Norwood	3.00
"	" 82, Athol	10.00
"	" 83, Groton	10.00
"	" 90, Gardner	5.00
"	" 97, Lexington	10.00
"	" 103, Quiney	2.00
"	" 106, Fall River	5.00
"	" 109, Brookline	13.00
"	" 112, East Templeton	5.00
"	" 113, Westminster	5.00
"	" 120, Taunton	5.00
"	" 121, Scituate	1.00
"	" 122, Swampscott	5.00
"	" 134, Cottage City	2.00
"	" 138, Hopkinton	2.00
"	" 143, Duxbury	1.00
"	" 144, Hanover	2.00
"	" 150, Rutland	2.00
"	" 164, Northfield	5.00
"	" 166, Housatonic	8.25
"	" 172, Malden	1.00
"	Mrs. Annie E. Higgins	12.00
"	Mrs. Lucretia H. Wetherell	5.00
"	Mrs. Mary A. Beal	2.98
"	Mrs. S. Jennie Tirrell	2.90
"	Mrs. Lou S. Wadsworth	3.46
"	Mrs. Annie C. Shattuck	2.50
"	Mrs. Alice G. Sears	1.23
"	Mrs. Marie A. Pickett . . . . .	.50
"	Mrs. Alice P. Smith	2.00
"	Mrs. Elizabeth P. Sawyer	2.00
"	Mrs. Martha J. Nuttle	2.00
"	Mrs. Mary O. Stevens	1.00
"	Mrs. Helen C. Mulford	5.00
"	Mrs. Hattie N. Townsend	5.00
		166.32
<i>Amounts carried forward</i>		\$2,571.51

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$2,571.51
Received, Mrs. M. Belle Martin	10.00	
“ Mrs. S. Lizzie Hamilton	5.83	
“ Mrs. Mary J. Parkhurst	2.00	
“ Mrs. Eva M. Kneeland	5.00	
“ Mrs. Elmira Hunt	5.00	
“ Mrs. Carrie A. Gibbs	1.00	
“ Mrs. Jessie W. Lowell	5.00	
“ Mrs. Sarah B. Noyes . . . . .	.80	
“ Mrs. Lelia P. Rockwood	2.23	
“ Mrs. Angie A. Robinson . . . . .	.85	
“ Mrs. Alice M. Goddard	3.05	
“ Mrs. Mary S. Langdon	1.77	
“ Mrs. Mary L. Gilman . . . . .	.40	
“ Mrs. Harriet A. Ralph	2.00	
“ Mrs. Mary Bride Beck	5.00	
“ Mrs. M. Jennie Davis . . . . .	.20	
“ Mrs. Ella K. Boss . . . . .	.60	
“ Mrs. Mary A. Saville . . . . .	.20	
“ Mrs. Mary A. Cooper . . . . .	.34	
“ Mrs. Hattie L. Shute . . . . .	.65	
“ Mrs. Grace Runyan	5.00	
“ Mrs. Lydia P. Hall	3.00	
“ Mrs. Marie C. Blake	1.00	
“ Mrs. Carrie M. Parks	4.00	
“ Mrs. Lizzie M. Richards	5.00	
“ Mrs. Sarah J. Rice	4.00	
“ Mrs. Helen S. Beattie	4.00	
“ Mrs. Ruth A. Freelove	4.00	
“ Mrs. Fannie Wills	1.00	
“ Henry Ross	5.00	87.92
Total receipts		\$2,659.43
Total expenditures		867.03
Balance Dec. 31, 1904		<u>\$1,792.40</u>

SOLDIERS' HOME DONATIONS.

Received, contributions from Corps	\$59.80	
“ Barnstable County Association, W.R.C.	5.00	
Total receipts		\$64.80
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		<u>\$64.80</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$64.80
Expended, Wm. M. Olin, Treasurer Trustees . .	\$54.55
" Chas. D. Nash, Supt. Soldiers' Home . .	5.25
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Total expenditures	59.80
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Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1904	\$5.00
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SOLDIERS' HOME DORMITORY.

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1903	\$124.00
Received, contribution from Corps 97	5.00
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Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1904	\$129.00
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ANDERSONVILLE FUND.

Received, contributions from Corps	\$1.00
Rebecca A. Pickett	1.76
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Total receipts	\$2.76
Expended, National Treasurer, for the Fund . . .	2.76
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MEMORIAL DAY, SOUTHERN POSTS, G.A.R.

Received, contributions from Corps	\$233.75
Expended, National Treasurer, for the Fund . . .	233.75
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MONUMENT TO LOYAL WOMEN FUND.

Received, contributions from Corps	\$7.00
Expended, National Treasurer, for the Fund . . .	7.00
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ANDERSONVILLE FLAG FUND.

Received, contributions at Department Convention,	\$34.08
Expended, Mrs. L. A. Turner, two flags for the Park,	22.00
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Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1904	\$12.08
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SUPPLIES ON HAND Dec. 31, 1904.

29 Bronze Pins	\$5.80
3 [™] Gold Pins, 14 Karat	7.12
1 Gold Charm	2.37
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$15.29

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$15.29
18	Rolled Gold Pins	15.30
2	Rolled Gold Charms	1.70
4	Yards Ribbon for Draping Flag	2.00
14	Yards Badge Ribbon (Membership)	2.80
20	Yards Badge Ribbon (Corps Officers)	4.00
14	Yards Badge Ribbon (Dept. Officers)	2.80
3	Yards Badge Ribbon (National Officers) . . . . .	.60
327	Emblems (Bronze, Silver, and Gilt)	6.54
57	Rituals	10.26
75	Corps Service Books (Paper Covers)	7.50
130	Burial and Memorial Service	13.00
160	Rules and Regulations	4.80
1012	Applications for Membership	5.06
2000	Invoice of Supplies to Corps	15.00
200	Corps Members' Arrearage Blanks . . . . .	.80
41	Corps Treasurers' Bonds . . . . .	.41
16	Sheet Music, Opening Ode	1.28
15	Initiation March	2.25
105	Ode Cards	1.05
204	Discharge Cards	2.55
223	Visiting Cards	2.78
262	Transfer Cards (Corps)	3.27
24	Transfer Cards (Department) . . . . .	.48
18	Journals	12.60
21	Ledgers	16.80
15	Cash Books	12.00
2	Roll Books	1.60
21	Corps Secretaries' Order Books	8.40
1	Corps Treasurers' Receipt Books . . . . .	.40
5	Dept. Secretaries' Order Books	3.15
8	Dept. Treasurers' Receipt Books	5.04
19	General Order Files	9.50
6	Letter Files	3.60
1	Beath's Blue Books . . . . .	.87
1	Large Electros (Badge) . . . . .	.30
3	Electros (Flag and Eagle) . . . . .	.90
25	Specimen Sheets of Ledger . . . . .	.75
30	Specimen Sheets of Cash Book . . . . .	.90
653	Corps Treasurers' Reports (Form W)	3.26
73	Patriotic Primers	10.95
		197.25
<i>Amount carried forward</i> [.		\$212.54

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$212.54
24	Independence Charts	6.00
111	Oleographs (Origin and History Stars and Stripes)	27.75
4	Half-tone Engravings (Barker, Fuller, Turner, Elliot)	12.00
2	Adhesive Order Files	1.50
78	Instructions for Auditing Committee . . . . .	.39
228	Membership and Corps Officers' Badges	61.56
25	Echoes of Liberty	10.00
78	Department Histories	39.00
2	Silk Flags, 32 x 48	2.50
14	Iron Stands for Flags	3.08
58	Small Silk Salute Flags, 8 x 12	5.80
40	Empty Badge Boxes80
406	Ballot Balls, Black or White	2.44
5	Gavels.	2.75
Total		175.57
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Total		\$388.11
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ASSETS.

Supplies as per abstract	\$388.11
Office furniture, portraits, and fixtures	500.00
Cash on hand, General Fund	\$934.80
Cash on hand, Relief Fund	2,325.65
Total cash in all funds	3,260.45
Total assets	\$4,148.56

LIABILITIES, NONE.

The midnight bells of Dec. 31, 1904, rang out the birth of a new year, and, like a faithful watchman on the walls, I was glad to answer, "All is well," once more. The year just passed has proved a successful one, though filled with many anxious cares and days crowded with extra work consequent upon the great gathering to the Thirty-Eighth National Encampment, G.A.R. and Twenty-Second National Convention, W.R.C., and other allied organizations.

In addition to the routine office work at Headquarters, I was glad to serve on many of the committees necessary for arrangements of such magnitude. To attend so many committee meetings required much time and thought, but in it all was the glad satisfaction that we were doing our share toward entertaining the visiting hosts, working side by side with the veterans of Massachusetts, and to know our labors were crowned with success.

Remembering with pleasure all the meetings, the greetings, the warm hand-clasp of veterans and sister workers from every Department, we should also feel grateful that to provide for their comfort and enjoyment our Corps gave so generously that we "gathered up" from the fragments left \$729, which amount, by general desire, was placed in the Department Relief Fund, thereby giving us the excellent showing made by this statistical report. But let me urge upon the members of this Convention not to rest satisfied with this "balance," but still to contribute to this fund, that, whenever calamity or misfortune overtakes the people, Massachusetts may be ready to help.

Attention, Corps Treasurers! whatever has been said to you before applies this year with greater force, if possible, than ever.

Do not order supplies the first two weeks in the quarter, and do not send contributions or payment for supplies *with the per capita tax*.

To copy the reports of one hundred and seventy-five Corps, and prepare the consolidated and tabulated report each quarter, requires every hour's time of the Department Treasurer, in order to have our report promptly at National Headquarters; and this the reputation of our grand old Department demands.

What more can be said to induce every Corps President to *carefully* examine the reports of both Secretary and Treasurer *before* affixing her signature? No excuse can cover the neglect of this duty; for, if for any reason the Corps President is unable to make such examination, the Senior or Junior Vice-President should act in her place.

It has been my constant ambition for this Department that for *once* we could report to National Headquarters that every report was received on time and absolutely correct, and I now make one more appeal to Corps Presidents to make this possible.

I would also urge Corps to forward their contributions for the Southern Memorial Day Fund *before* May 1, that the Quartermaster-General, G.A.R., may receive it in time to provide for the decoration of those graves so far from home and loved ones.

To my sister Treasurers I am grateful for kindly co-operation and helpfulness throughout another year, and the little messages so often sent meant more to me than they could realize. I regret exceedingly that I have been unable to accept the many invitations from Posts and Corps to social or public gatherings, but I appreciate the kindly remembrance.

The meetings of Department Council are delightfully pleasant, and I gladly attest to the evident desire of the "official family" to advance the best interests of our dear old Department. To the Auditing Committee I desire to express my sincere thanks for their patient consideration and kindness, and to every member of the Department Relief Committee I am grateful for many evidences of loving regard. Comrades Warne and Stillings, Mrs. Lizzie I. Fielding, Mrs. Maria W. Going, and Mrs. Ella J. Fuller

proved their loyal friendship by lending a hand during the three weeks I was absent by sickness from my desk at Headquarters.

Among the pleasant happenings of the year was the reception tendered our Department President by her own Post and Corps at Waltham; the annual reunion of ex-Prisoners of War Association at Lynn, where they were the guests of Corps No. 29 at dinner, and I was honored by the Association with an invitation to attend their meeting, and felt it to be an honor, indeed, to sit in the presence of those noble men; the reception to Department officers by Corps No. 68 at Dorchester; the twentieth anniversary of Corps No. 37 at Pittsfield, when Mrs. Goodale and myself were the guests of the Corps at a banquet given in honor of the occasion, and we were royally entertained at the home of Past Department President Mrs. Clara H. B. Evans; at Milford as the guest of Corps No. 72 at the celebration of the one hundredth birthday of one of its members; the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lockhart in Cambridge, and also when they entertained the Floral Committee of National Convention, and for many special courtesies from Mrs. Lockhart as its Chairman, among them being the beautiful basket of roses, with a souvenir spoon, presented in Convention; then came the twenty-first anniversaries of Corps No. 1, Fitchburg, Corps No. 7, Brockton, and Corps No. 9, Charlestown, all of them delightful reminders of the early days of our Order. Ding-ding, rang the bell, and away we hurried to the May breakfast of Corps No. 21, Somerville; and during Encampment week, with the many guests of the Entertainment Committee, I enjoyed the fish dinner at Revere, the lunch and automobile ride at Lynn, given us by Corps No. 29, the reception of Daughters of Veterans by Tent No. 22 at Royall House, Medford, and at Plymouth, where we were most hospitably entertained by Collingwood Post and Corps, and the rest-room of Mrs. Abby D. Danforth. The week spent with Mrs. Wm. Usher and family at Newburyport was most delightful. I have also been the guest of Mrs. Gilman, Mrs. Lyman, Mrs. Nottage, and Mrs. Gibbs, Miss Holmes, Miss Lanman of Plymouth, Mrs. Manning of Hopkinton, Miss Coucher of Charlestown, Mrs. Pickett, Mrs. Wetherell, and Mrs. Savery. Corps No. 3 of East Boston, Corps 79, Brighton, and others have made me very happy with beautiful flowers, and to dear ones who sent their birthday and Christmas gifts I can only say, Thank you, from the fulness of my heart.

Memorial Sunday I attended church with Post 66, G.A.R., and Corps No. 5 of Medford, and also by special invitation of the Post participated in Memorial Day services at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford.

It was my privilege to install the officers of Corps No. 5 and to receive from them a lovely souvenir spoon.

For our associations at Department Headquarters I can only repeat what I have said for twelve years: they have been delightfully pleasant, not a word of discord has been heard.

The Department President took up her work there with the same

earnestness and zeal that has characterized all her work for the veterans; and with the Department Secretary—God bless her!—we have labored in peace and harmony always, and to both of these faithful friends I am greatly indebted, for only words and acts of kindness have been the daily pass-word.

The Commander-in-Chief of the G.A.R., Gen. W. W. Blackmar, and also Department Commander, Lucius Field, with many other comrades, set the seal of their respect and encouragement of our work by their official visit to our Headquarters; and the exchange of greetings was delightfully pleasant.

So, the year has been replete with honors for Massachusetts, and our proudest satisfaction should be that we can keep step with the "boys in blue" as we march to the sunset shore.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

SARAH E. FULLER,
Department Treasurer

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

NEW BEDFORD, Feb. 1, 1905.

Miss MARY E. ELLIOT,

Department Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: Complying with the Rules and Regulations of our Order, I herewith submit through you to the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention my report of the work of Memorial Day.

Fully realizing the honor conferred upon me by my re-election to the office of Chaplain, I have earnestly endeavored to perform faithfully the duties of the sacred office I have been permitted to hold.

I am pleased to note an improvement in the promptitude with which the reports of Corps Chaplains have been sent in. I received the reports from eight Corps May 31, showing the reports had been made out Memorial Day. I give the number of those Corps in the order in which they were received: 132, 128, 66, 15, 25, 21, 13, and 105.

After writing to several Corps and to some of them three times, I finally had my report in the hands of the National Chaplain in time to have Massachusetts commended for having such a complete report.

If each Corps President could realize the importance of haste in this matter, the work of my successor will be greatly lessened.

From the reports sent me I give a synopsis of special work performed by each Corps.

E. V. Sumner Corps No. 1 of Fitchburg reports 378 soldiers' graves decorated. 8 children assisted in the services. Dinner and supper was provided for 350. Made buttonhole bouquets for Post, Sons of Veterans, and Spanish War Veterans. \$50 was presented to the Post.

May 28 held services for sister members, made 36 wreaths, and decorated their graves.

Charles Peck Corps No. 2 of Cambridge reports 128 graves decorated, 60 children taking part in the services. Refreshments were provided the Post. The children of the Holmes School, in charge of their teachers, gathered at the Charles River with flowers and flags, and scattered flowers for the "Sailor-Soldier Feed," waving flags as the flowers floated away. About 100 children took part in the exercises at the river. The Chaplain decorated three Army Nurses' graves in Mt. Auburn. The wreath for the "Unknown Dead" was placed at the soldiers' monument. The Corps decorated 16 members' graves previous to Memorial Day.



DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, MASSACHUSETTS W.R.C., 1904.

John A. Hawes Corps No. 3 of East Boston reports 315 graves decorated, 25 children assisting in the services. The Corps held services with Post at Woodlawn and at grave of Helen M. Gilson. 60 bouquets were placed on a tablet for the "Unknown Dead." Also held services for "Sailor-Soldier Dead," the children taking part in this part of service. The Corps decorated 35 graves of deceased members and 3 Army Nurses.

Everett Peabody Corps No. 4 of Georgetown reports 110 graves decorated, 65 children taking part in the services. Schools of the town met in Library Hall, and held a very interesting patriotic entertainment. Rev. Warren F. Lowe of Georgetown delivered a fine oration.

S. C. Lawrence Corps No. 5 of Medford reports 168 graves decorated. Flowers were contributed. A memorial was prepared for the "Unknown Dead," and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

P. T. Wyman Corps No. 6 of Holliston reports 150 graves decorated, 35 children assisting. Four vases were filled and placed at the monument for the "Unknown Dead." 200 bouquets were made, and baskets of flowers were placed on the graves of deceased members.

Fletcher Webster Corps No. 7 of Brockton reports 417 graves decorated, 275 children taking part in the exercises. Dinner was served to the veterans and their guests by the Corps at the headquarters of the Post at noon. About 500 were served by the ladies, tables being arranged in both halls. Services commemorative to the "Unknown Dead" were held by the Corps. A beautiful "living monument" was raised to the honor of the brave unknown. A young lady impersonating Liberty, and holding the national flag, was the topmost figure. Comrades of the Post represented the Union soldier and sailor. Grouped about these figures were several children. The officers and members of the Corps conducted the ceremonies, and scattered flowers on the sward in memory of the dead. The expense to the Corps for the exercises of the day was \$85.50.

E. W. Peirce Corps No. 8 of Middleboro reports 293 graves decorated. Buttonhole bouquets were provided for the Post. Dinner was served to the members of the Post, Sons of Veterans, and invited guests. The Corps also decorated the graves of deceased members.

Major G. L. Stearns Corps No. 9 of Charlestown reports 415 graves decorated, 25 children taking part. A memorial was prepared for the "Unknown Dead" and for the "Sailor-Soldier Dead." The Post and Corps, escorted by the Sons of Veterans, attended divine service at the First Parish Church on the morning of May 29 and at St. John's in the evening.

Theodore Winthrop Corps No. 10 of Chelsea reports 425 graves decorated, 15 children assisting in the services. Refreshments were provided the Post. Tributes were prepared for the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead." The Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

George H. Ward Corps No. 11 of Worcester reports 1,151 graves deco-

rated, 240 children taking part in the services. The Corps furnished dinner for 400, comrades, Sons of Veterans, Daughters of Veterans, and food was sent veterans' families and widows. 1,350 wreaths and 440 bouquets were provided. The graves of Corps members were decorated May 28.

Ward Corps No. 12 of Danvers reports 244 graves decorated, 70 children assisting in exercises. An urn filled with flowers was placed in the soldiers' lot for the "Unknown Dead." A collation was served after the services. 70 members attended Sabbath memorial services.

D. W. Robinson Corps No. 13 of Norwell reports 80 graves decorated, 56 children taking part. Dinner was served to the Post and invited guests. Services were held for the "Unknown Dead." Special pieces were prepared for the army and for the "Sailor-Soldier Dead." A fine address was delivered by Mr. Geo. W. Penniman of Brockton. Graves of deceased members were decorated.

E. K. Wilcox Corps No. 14 of Springfield reports 559 graves decorated. The Corps furnished wreaths for the Sons of Veterans and Sons of Revolution. They also made a wreath for the "Unknown Dead." About 600 wreaths were made. Refreshments were provided the Post.

Col. Prescott Corps No. 15 of Ashland reports 300 children taking part and 67 graves decorated. A memorial was prepared for the "Unknown Dead," and a dinner was provided for the Post. A fine concert was given Sunday evening, the school children taking part. The patriotic exercises Friday in the schools were very interesting. Addresses were made by Post and Corps members. Very pretty programmes were made by the children.

U. S. Grant Corps No. 16 of Melrose reports 160 graves decorated. Tributes were prepared for the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead." Memorial tablets bearing names of Melrose men in Civil War were placed in the New Public Library Building, and dedicated by the Post and Corps. The tablets were unveiled by a grandchild of one whose name was on one of the tablets.

Gen. Sedgwick Corps No. 17 of Orange reports 204 graves decorated, 177 children taking part. Refreshments were provided the Post. A tribute was prepared for "Unknown Dead," and Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

W. L. Baker Corps No. 18 of Northampton reports 310 graves decorated. 312 laurel wreaths and 339 bouquets were made by Corps. Refreshments were provided for Post, Sons of Veterans, and Co. I, 2d Regt., M. V. M., who did escort duty, also for the Northampton band. A chorus of 50 boys and girls from the high school sang at the memorial services.

E. P. Wallace Corps No. 19 of Amesbury reports 250 graves decorated, 100 children taking part in the services. Refreshments were provided the Post. Tributes were prepared for the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead."

Dahlgren Corps No. 20 of South Boston reports 675 graves decorated. Sunday morning, May 29, the Corps had a service for the "Unknown Dead" in St. John's Church by invitation of Post 2, assisted by 25 children. Refreshments were served to 200 children who took part in the service to the "Sailor-Soldier Dead."

Willard C. Kinsley Corps No. 21 of Somerville reports 250 graves decorated, 75 children taking part. Tributes were prepared for the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead." The Corps attended services at Winter Hill Universalist Church in the morning and at the Congregational Church in the evening. Several children took part in the exercises.

Lyon Corps No. 22 of Westfield reports 243 graves decorated, 32 children taking part. Potted plants were used for veterans' graves this year instead of wreaths, as formerly. Pupils from Westfield High School decorated the soldiers' monument. Members of the Corps made an anchor of evergreen for the navy, a large floral badge for Grand Army, an urn for "Unknown Dead," and a wreath for Army Nurses. Refreshments were served to the veterans, Sons of Veterans, and musicians on their return from the cemetery.

John Goodwin, Jr., Corps 23 of Marblehead reports 416 graves decorated, 95 children taking part in exercises. Refreshments were provided for Post and invited guests. A memorial was prepared for the "Unknown Dead," and flowers were strewn on the waters for the "Sailor-Soldier Dead." The graves of deceased Corps members were also decorated.

Col. C. R. Mudge Corps No. 24 of Merrimack reports 86 graves decorated, 15 children assisting in services. A large bouquet of white carnations tied with white ribbon was prepared in memory of Major McKinley. A beautiful float was placed on the Merrimack in memory of "Sailor-Soldier Dead." 29 wreaths of evergreen tied with white ribbon with the letters W.R.C. were placed on the graves of our deceased members.

F. P. H. Rogers Corps No. 25 of Waltham reports 276 graves decorated. Memorials were prepared for the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead." A lunch was served to the veterans and all those who acted as escort, in all about 300. A tribute was prepared for the Army Nurses.

A. W. Bartlett Corps No. 26 of Newburyport reports 544 graves decorated, 25 children assisting in exercises. Refreshments were provided the Post. The service for the "Sailor-Soldier Dead" was held on the bridge. The officers of the Corps were assisted by the pastor of the Bellville Church and about 12 children.

Wm. H. Smart Corps No. 27 of Cambridgeport reports 160 graves decorated, 80 children taking part. The Corps provided a special service for the "Unknown Dead," the Post, Sons of Veterans, and a large number of friends attending in a body. The children deserve much credit for the fine manner in which they rendered their part of the service.

Chas. Russell Lowell Corps No. 28 of Boston reports 491 graves deco-

rated, 14 children taking part. Refreshments were provided the Post. Tributes were prepared for the "Unknown" and "Soldier-Sailor Dead." On Sunday evening a memorial service was held for four of the deceased members.

Gen. Lander Corps No. 29 of Lynn reports 1,334 graves decorated, 1,000 children taking part in the exercises. Refreshments were provided the Post. Services were held in the First M.E. Church, and, by invitation of the Post, the Corps, Sons of Veterans, and Spanish War Veterans attended in a body. The address was delivered by his Excellency Hon. John L. Bates. The singing of the children added greatly to the occasion. The speaker was presented with a beautiful bouquet of choice flowers by the Corps.

John H. Chipman Corps No. 30 of Beverly reports 349 graves decorated, 135 children taking part in the services. A memorial was prepared for the "Unknown Dead," and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services. A heavy rain interfered greatly with the arrangements prepared by Corps.

Charles H. Stevens Corps No. 31 of Leominster reports 226 graves decorated, 1,671 children taking part. 36 members of Corps assisted in decorating soldiers' graves. 85 cadets acted as escort to the Post. The chairman of Collation Committee turned over to Post \$7.34. 32 graves of deceased members were decorated.

Charles D. Sandford Corps No. 32 of North Adams reports 250 graves decorated, 250 children taking part. Dinner was prepared for the Post. A tribute was prepared for the "Unknown Dead," and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

James A. Garfield Corps No. 33 of Lowell reports 1,346 graves decorated. The corps attended Sabbath memorial services, decorated 23 deceased members' graves by putting a potted plant and a flag at each grave. 6 who are buried out of town were also remembered, and an Army Nurse.

Phil. H. Sheridan Corps No. 34 of Salem reports 1,124 graves decorated, 200 children assisting in services. Refreshments were provided the Post. Tributes were prepared for the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead." \$5 was sent for Memorial Day in the South.

Timothy Ingraham Corps No. 35 of Hyde Park reports 54 graves decorated, 40 children taking part. Corps 35 has always assisted the Dedham Post on Memorial Day. This year the Post invited the Corps to Dedham, and provided a dinner.

E. A. Andrews Corps No. 36 of Shrewsbury reports 75 graves decorated, 200 children taking part. Refreshments were provided the Post. A tribute was prepared for the "Unknown Dead," and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

W. W. Rockwell Corps No. 37 of Pittsfield reports 297 graves decorated. A dinner was provided for F. W. Manning Garrison No. 36, Company F, Militia, and a platoon of police who took dinner with the Post. A delegation of ladies decorated the graves of deceased members in the afternoon.

Kilpatrick Corps No. 38 of Holyoke reports 204 graves decorated, 12 children taking part. The Corps furnished a tribute to the "Unknown Dead" at a cost of \$18. They also attended Sabbath memorial service and decorated graves of deceased members. 125 children assisted the comrades and Sons of Veterans in decorating the graves. The services were especially interesting this year.

Abraham Lincoln Corps No. 39 of Charlestown reports 380 graves decorated, 11 children assisting in services. The services for the "Unknown Dead" were held on the lawn in front of Memorial Hall, Corps members and children taking part, and comrades and Sons of Veterans assisting. The Corps attended memorial services in Trinity M.E. Church with Post 11 in the evening of Memorial Day.

James A. Perkins Corps No. 40 of Everett reports 288 graves decorated. Dinner was provided for Post. Sunday, June 12, in company with Post and Sons of Veterans, held a memorial service for "Sailor-Soldier Dead," on board the old battleship *Constitution*, Navy Yard. Visited schools with comrades, and gave the Post \$10 to pay the dues of comrades who cannot afford to pay them.

E. P. Carpenter Corps No. 41 of Foxboro reports 111 graves decorated, 75 children taking part. Refreshments were served the Post, and a tribute prepared for the "Unknown Dead." The Post provided stereopticon views of the battle of Gettysburg, with lecture by Prof. Blakeslee of Worcester, and singing by the children for memorial evening.

Gen. James Appleton Corps No. 42 of Ipswich reports 176 graves decorated, 16 children taking part. Dinner was provided. Tributes were prepared for "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead." 40 members of the Post were in ranks, and some 20 too disabled to march followed in carriages. The services were appropriate and very impressive. 30 graves of deceased members were decorated.

Francis Gould Corps No. 43 of Arlington reports 172 graves decorated, 150 children taking part on Memorial Day. About 1,000 children took part in the service on Friday preceding Memorial Day. The town of Belmont entertained Post and Corps with dinner, followed by remarks by the officials of the town and others. The day closed with the usual supper furnished by the Corps.

David Church Corps No. 44 of Marshfield reports 83 graves decorated. Of the 83 graves decorated, 12 were Revolutionary soldiers, and 8 War of 1812. A dinner was served to at least 200. Flowers were arranged for the graves and the monument. Buttonhole bouquets were made for the Post and band.

Wm. A. Streeter Corps No. 45 of Attleboro reports 165 graves decorated, 200 children taking part. The Post and Sons of Veterans marched under the new flag presented by the Corps. The Post and Corps went to Norton in the evening, and were entertained by the Norton Veteran Asso-

ciation. Tributes were prepared for the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead."

Gen. E. W. Hincks Corps No. 46 of Saugus reports 125 graves decorated, 75 children assisting in services. Tributes were prepared for the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead." Flowers were placed on the graves of deceased members.

Justin Dimick Corps No. 47 of East Bridgewater reports 115 graves decorated, 50 children assisting. Refreshments were provided the Post, and a tribute to the "Unknown Dead." The Corps also attended Sabbath memorial services.

H. S. Greenleaf Corps No. 48 of Colerain reports 127 graves decorated, 11 children taking part. A collation was furnished the Post, and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

George S. Boutwell Corps No. 49 of Ayer reports 50 graves decorated. Corps made 12 set pieces, 15 crosses, and 150 bouquets. A floral tribute was placed at the grave in Harvard of an Army Nurse, also a flag sent by Army Nurse Association.

Union Corps No. 50 of Peabody reports 180 graves decorated, 50 children taking part. Of the 50 children, 30 were from the grammar schools, and 20 were the High School Glee Club, who sang. The Peabody Cadets, a boys' company numbering 40, acted as escort to the G.A.R. in the march. Refreshments were provided the Post. Tributes were prepared for the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead."

J. C. Freeman Corps No. 51 of Provincetown reports 52 graves decorated. Flowers were provided the Post, and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

A. B. Randall Corps No. 52 of Eastondale reports 214 graves decorated, 32 children taking part. The children in our schools gathered flowers, and presented them to the Corps for the purpose of decorating the soldiers' graves. Members gathered at the hall and made bouquets. Took an active part with Post and Sons of Veterans on Sunday and Memorial Day.

Wm. Logan Rodman Corps No. 53 of New Bedford reports 940 graves decorated, 272 children taking part. This Corps, with Corps 95, worked together as usual in preparing flowers for decorating the graves. Met at the monument for the "Unknown Dead," and performed the service, assisted by school children. Provided a good dinner for the Post.

E. Brigham Piper Corps No. 54 of Walpole reports 59 graves decorated, 50 children assisting in the exercises. An excellent address was delivered by Mrs. Mary E. Knowles, Past National Chaplain, and all were much interested. On account of the rain, services were held in Town Hall, after which the graves were decorated by members of the Post. One Revolutionary soldier's grave was decorated. Refreshments were provided the Post.

Needham Corps No. 55 of Lawrence reports 650 graves decorated in Lawrence and 85 in North Andover. 24 children assisted in the services. A

memorial was prepared for the "Unknown Dead." The Corps attended Sabbath memorial services in the morning and evening.

Ozro Miller Corps No. 56 of Shelburne Falls reports 88 graves decorated. Refreshments were provided the Post. A tribute was prepared for the "Unknown Dead," and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

Edwin E. Day Corps No. 57 of Greenfield reports 140 graves decorated, 50 children taking part. Refreshments were provided the Post. A memorial for the "Unknown Dead" was prepared, and Corps attended Sabbath services.

Geo. C. Strong Corps No. 58 of Easthampton reports 52 graves decorated. A supper was served to the Post and the public. There was a speaker from Amherst College in the evening and patriotic singing. 70 wreaths were made, 63 baskets filled, and 55 buttonhole bouquets made.

Isaac B. Patten Corps No. 59 of Watertown reports 253 graves decorated. 20 girls in white, carrying flags, met the veterans and escort at the entrance of Town Hall, and, forming an arch with their flags, the veterans marched through into the hall to dinner, the girls following, and, seated on the platform, cheered the veterans by singing war songs during the collation. The storm prevented any exercises at the monument.

Edwin Humphrey Corps No. 60 of Hingham reports 175 graves decorated, 15 children assisting in the services. The Corps attended services at M.E. Church with Post and Sons of Veterans. Prepared dinner for Post and invited guests; served more than 200 people. After-dinner speeches were made by prominent men of the town. A fine band added much to the occasion. The Corps arranged baskets of flowers for the graves in the different cemeteries in town. Made a pillow for the monument of Governor Andrew, and one for Edwin Humphrey's grave. Flowers in the shape of a Maltese cross were placed on the graves of deceased members.

John Rogers Corps No. 61 of Mansfield reports 80 graves decorated, 85 children assisting. The Sons of Veterans and High School Cadets assisted in decorating at the cemetery. A collation was served, and a memorial to the "Unknown Dead" was prepared.

Isaac Davis Corps No. 62 of West Acton reports 138 graves decorated, 100 children taking part. Tributes were prepared for the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead." Refreshments were served the Post.

Thomas G. Stevenson Corps No. 63 of Roxbury reports 675 graves decorated, 34 children assisting in the services. An address was given at Forest Hills Cemetery by Post Department Commander John E. Gilman, assisted by the captain of Sons of Veterans and Woman's Relief Corps. Army Nurse service was held at the lot. Refreshments were served the Post and to all who assisted in the exercises of the day.

Manton E. Taft Corps No. 64 of Turners Falls reports 56 graves were decorated, 70 children assisting. A collation was provided the Post. Trib-

utes were prepared for the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead." The Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

J. P. Gould Corps No. 65 of Stoneham reports 229 graves decorated, 130 children taking part in the exercises. The singing by the children and the oration given were greatly appreciated, and the citizens showed much interest in the service of the day.

P. Stearns Davis Corps No. 66 of East Cambridge reports 226 graves decorated. Refreshments were provided the Post, and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

Robert A. Bell Corps No. 67 of Boston reports the Post and Corps decorated 105 graves at Rainsford Island. The Corps furnished coffee and sandwiches in the morning, and the Post gave the dinner.

Benj. Stone, Jr., Corps No. 68 of Dorchester reports 583 graves decorated, 65 children taking part. Sunday, May 29, the Corps attended services at the Mattapan M.E. Church. In the evening a memorial service was held in G.A.R. Hall. An interesting address was delivered by Rev. Mr. Harris. There were also vocal solos, and remarks by Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Reed, and others.

H. M. Warren Corps No. 69 of Wakefield reports 281 graves decorated. 12 young ladies of the high school scattered flowers around the soldiers' monument. 65 old comrades marched in a heavy rain to decorate the graves of their comrades. The militia, Sons of Veterans, and High School Cadets assisted in this service. Deceased Army Nurses were remembered by placing on Soldiers' Lot a beautiful pillow of flowers. The Massachusetts Army Nurse Association added a pretty bunting flag. The Corps provided refreshments for all assisting the G.A.R. in these sacred services. 417 were provided for.

Clara Barton Corps No. 70 of Warren reports 69 graves decorated, 177 children assisting. A memorial to the "Unknown Dead" was prepared, and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

Malcolm Ammidown Corps No. 71 of Southbridge reports 133 graves decorated, 23 children taking part. 23 of these graves were of Revolutionary soldiers. Refreshments were provided the Post. A service was held for "Unknown Dead," and a tribute to the "Sailor-Soldier Dead" was prepared. The heavy rain interfered with this part of the programme.

Major E. F. Fletcher Corps No. 72 of Milford reports 384 graves decorated. Corps provided dinner for Post, militia, clergy, and selectmen. Made 400 large and 150 buttonhole bouquets; filled 18 Maltese crosses for deceased members. Sunday morning members attended church, and in the afternoon held services in Town Hall. 50 children took part there. 50 members went to cemetery.

Joe Johnson Corps No. 73 of Northboro reports 68 graves decorated. 125 children assisted. An address was given, and also singing by children

from three of the schools before and again after the address. Refreshments were provided.

Geo. H. Maintien Corps No. 74 of Plainville reports 130 graves decorated, 200 children assisting in the services. Refreshments were provided the Post. A memorial to the "Unknown Dead" was prepared, and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

Benjamin F. Butler Corps No. 75 of Lowell reports 1,361 graves decorated. Tributes were prepared to the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead." The veterans turned out in full numbers to attend the Sabbath memorial services, also on Memorial Day, bravely marching over the route through a heavy rain. On their return an excellent collation was provided for them.

L. L. Merrick Corps No. 76 of Palmer reports 100 graves decorated. Refreshments were provided the Post. A memorial was prepared for the "Unknown Dead," and a tribute to the "Sailor-Soldier Dead."

Col. Allen Corps No. 77 of Gloucester reports 390 graves decorated, 200 children taking part. \$5 was sent for Memorial Day in the South. Refreshments were provided for the Post. A tribute was prepared for the "Unknown Dead."

Geo. K. Bird Corps No. 78 of Norwood reports 84 graves decorated, 21 Revolutionary soldiers' graves, 4 of the War of 1812, and 59 Union soldiers of the Civil War. A dinner was served for 175, Post, Sons of Veterans, and invited guests.

Francis Washburn Corps No. 79 of Brighton reports 180 graves decorated. 75 children assisted. Refreshments were provided the Post. The Corps spent \$15 for flowers to decorate deceased members' graves, and to fill urns dedicated to the "Unknown Dead" and Army Nurses. The Corps attended Sabbath services.

Arthur G. Biscoe Corps No. 80 of Westboro reports 155 graves decorated, 150 children taking part. Friday, May 27, memorial exercises were held by all the schools in the Town Hall. There were short addresses by the comrades, recitations, singing, and the Flag Salute by the children.

E. J. Griggs Corps No. 81 of Belchertown reports 69 graves decorated. Refreshments were provided the Post. A memorial was prepared for the "Unknown Dead," and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

Hubbard V. Smith Corps No. 82 of Athol reports 80 graves decorated, 18 children assisting. Floral tributes were placed around the monument for the "Unknown Dead," William McKinley, John A. Logan, Army Nurses, and boys of '98. \$5 was sent for memorial in the South. A collation was served after the service at cemetery. Services were held in hall. An oration was delivered by Arthur Smith, Past Department Commander G.A.R., singing by a quartette, and a poem, written for the occasion by A. J. Hamilton, was read by Mrs. Julia Hamilton.

E. S. Clark Corps No. 83 of Groton reports 61 graves decorated, 250 chil-

dren taking part in exercises. Refreshments were provided the Post, and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

Burbank Corps No. 84 of Woburn reports 308 graves decorated. Refreshments were served the Post. A memorial was prepared for the "Unknown Dead," and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

Galen Orr Corps No. 85 of Needham reports 54 graves decorated. Refreshments were provided the Post. A tribute was prepared for the "Unknown Dead," and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

Thomas M. Gardner Corps No. 86 of Nantucket reports 108 graves decorated, 40 children taking part. Refreshments were provided the Post. Tributes were prepared for the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead." Friday, May 27, exercises were held by the children in the different schools, and were attended by members of the Post and Corps.

Charles Sumner Corps No. 87 of Groveland reports 118 graves decorated. Refreshments were served the Post, and a tribute prepared for the "Unknown Dead."

Friedrich Hecker Corps No. 88 of Boston reports 600 graves decorated. Met in Turn Hall in the morning, and listened to an excellent address, then went to Mount Hope Cemetery, where the graves were decorated. Afterward returned to the hall where a collation was served.

Franklin Corps No. 89 of Franklin reports 122 graves decorated, 150 children taking part. Exercises were held at the soldiers' monument. A tribute was prepared for the "Unknown Dead."

D. G. Farragut Corps No. 90 of Gardner reports 140 graves decorated. A collation was served, a tribute prepared for the "Unknown Dead," and floral pieces for graves of Army Nurses, Sons of Veterans, and Spanish War Veterans.

Washington Corps No. 91 of South Boston reports 487 graves decorated, 60 children taking part. A tribute was prepared for the "Unknown Dead." Corps 91 united with Corps 20 in the service for the "Sailor-Soldier Dead."

Armstrong Corps No. 92 of Montague reports 100 graves decorated, 70 children assisting in exercises. Refreshments were served the Post, and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services. Owing to the illness of the President, part of the work of Memorial Day was omitted.

Preston Corps No. 93 of Beverly Farms reports 19 graves decorated, 50 children taking part. Tributes were prepared for the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead," and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

Gen. S. Thayer Corps No. 94 of South Braintree reports 77 graves decorated, 40 children taking part. The usual exercises were held at the soldiers' monument, and a bountiful dinner was served to the Post and invited guests in the Town Hall by the Corps, assisted by the Ladies' Aid Society.

R. A. Peirce Corps No. 95 of New Bedford reports 970 graves decorated, 125 boys assisting the Post and Sons of Veterans in the services.

The Corps provided dinner for Post, Sons of Veterans, three Boys' Brigades, and guests. An urn was filled with blooming plants for "Unknown Dead."

Major How Corps No. 96 of Haverhill reports 684 graves decorated, 20 children assisting. Spanish War Veterans, Sons of Veterans, and Company F, 8th Regt., M.V.M., assisted the Post in the observances of the day. Refreshments were served, and a tribute prepared for the "Unknown Dead."

Gen. Geo. G. Meade Corps No. 97 of Lexington reports 110 graves decorated, 50 children taking part. About 50 of Lexington's best citizens marched with the Post. A collation was served. The Corps decorated the graves of 12 sister members.

Francis A. Clary Corps No. 98 of Conway reports 21 graves decorated. A collation was served the Post. A very enjoyable service was held, consisting of singing, speeches, and an address by Rev. Mr. Ashley of Manchester, Mass.

A. St. John Chambre Corps No. 99 of Stoughton reports 201 graves decorated. A collation was provided for Post. A service was held for "Unknown Dead," and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

Revere Corps No. 100 of Canton reports 150 graves decorated, 60 children assisting. Refreshments were provided the Post, and the Corps attended Sabbath services.

Gilman C. Parker Corps No. 101 of Winchendon reports 107 graves decorated, 75 children assisting. The Corps attended Sabbath memorial services. May 27 all the schools in town had very interesting exercises in Town Hall, with short addresses from several veterans.

Reynolds Corps No. 102 of Weymouth reports 366 graves decorated, 100 children assisting the Post by furnishing flowers and passing baskets to the veterans Memorial Day. The Corps filled 1,200 baskets with flowers, and provided a dinner for 240. May 27 memorial exercises were held in all the schools. A detail from Post and Corps attended. Deceased members' graves were decorated June 5.

Paul Revere Corps No. 103 of Quincy reports 463 graves decorated, 43 children taking part. The flowers were provided by the children. Services were held at the "Unknown" lot, with an additional patriotic reading by Mrs. Kate A. Hayden.

Gen. Horace C. Lee Corps No. 104 of Huntington reports 45 graves decorated, 20 children taking part. Refreshments were provided the Post, and a tribute prepared for the "Unknown Dead."

J. Orson Fiske Corps No. 105 of Upton reports 77 graves decorated, 60 children assisting in the services. A collation was provided the Post, and tributes were prepared for the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead." The Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

Richard Borden Corps No. 106 of Fall River reports 700 graves decorated, 100 children taking part in services. Refreshments were provided,

and tribute prepared the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead." The floral committee made 75 wreaths, 475 bouquets, filled 15 baskets, made 7 set pieces, and wound 20 yards of green.

James H. Sargent Corps No. 107 of West Medway reports 127 graves decorated, 50 children taking part. A collation was provided the Post. After attending Sabbath memorial service in the morning at the village, the Post and Corps attended a service in the afternoon at North Bellingham. Address by Fr. Keleher of Medway, after which many graves were decorated. Monday afternoon an address was given in Evergreen Cemetery by Rev. M. Hewitt of West Medway. Music by the band. Afterward the graves of deceased members were decorated.

McPherson Corps No. 108 of Abington reports 112 graves were decorated, 32 children taking part. Dinner was served to Post, Sons of Veterans, invited guests, and Corps members. 300 were served. A tribute was prepared for the "Unknown Dead."

C. L. Chandler Corps No. 109 of Brookline reports 290 graves decorated. Corps 109 has purchased and caused to be erected 7 granite headstones at a cost of \$136.50, to mark the graves of veterans in Soldiers' Lot, Walnut Hills Cemetery, Brookline. A tribute was prepared for the "Unknown Dead," and a supper was furnished the members of Post at Town Hall, after which there was speaking by officers and invited guests.

Capt. Horace Niles Corps No. 110 of Randolph reports 274 graves decorated, 150 children taking part in exercises. A collation was served the Post. A memorial was prepared for the "Unknown Dead," and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

Joseph E. Simmons Corps No. 111 of Pembroke reports 78 graves decorated, 30 children assisting. Tributes were prepared for the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead," and refreshments were provided the Post. After the collation the Corps marched with Post and Sons of Veterans to the church where memorial services were held. An address was given by Rev. C. L. Wallace of Boston.

Eriesson Corps No. 112 of Templeton reports 109 graves decorated. Wreaths and bouquets were made for the 109 graves, with a profusion of flowers and wreaths for the "Unknown." Dinner was furnished by the Corps for Post, Sons of Veterans, speakers, Ladies' Aid, band, and Corps.

Joseph P. Rice Corps No. 113 of Westminster reports 71 graves decorated, 65 children taking part in the services for the "Unknown Dead." Dinner was provided for the Post and children who took part in exercises.

O. H. P. Sargent Corps No. 114 of Essex reports 70 graves decorated, 100 children assisting. Flowers were contributed by the schools. A collation was served, and tributes prepared for the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead." Music was furnished in the morning during the outdoor exercises by drum corps. Exercises in Town Hall in afternoon consisted of an oration with music by a ladies' orchestra from Boston.

J. W. Lawton Corps No. 115 of Ware reports 119 graves decorated, 100 children taking part. Dinner was served in Masonic Hall to about 150, after which speeches were made by the clergy, members of Post, and Sons of Veterans.

Edwin M. Stanton Corps No. 116 of Amherst reports 80 graves decorated, 100 children assisting. The Corps presented the Post with a handsome new flag. An address was delivered by Gen. H. C. Dwight of Hartford, Ct. The Corps conducted a special service on the banks of the Connecticut River in honor of the "Sailor-Soldier Dead."

Prentiss M. Whiting Corps No. 117 of North Attleboro reports 93 graves decorated. On Sunday the Post and Corps attended service morning and evening. The Church was decorated with flags and flowers. The flowers were given to Post for Memorial Day. Dinner was served as usual on the return from the cemeteries Memorial Day. One of the oldest members of the Corps has for many years placed a small flag at each plate. Services were held in the hall at 2 p.m. Rev. Ralph Connor was the orator. 50 children sang. There were other pleasing features. The Providence Band gave a concert in the hall.

Nathaniel Lyon Corps No. 118 of Webster reports 201 graves decorated. Dinner was served. The Post, Sons of Veterans, and Corps went in a body to attend memorial service. The Post had a fine speaker from Worcester, and 12 students sang.

Allen Corps No. 119 of Manchester reports 65 graves decorated, 31 children taking part. Tributes were prepared for the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead." Supper was provided for Post, Sons of Veterans, band, and invited guests.

Wm. H. Bartlett Corps No. 120 of Taunton reports 536 graves decorated, 30 children taking part. The Corps assisted the Post as usual in preparing for Memorial Day. A bountiful collation was served at noon in the beautiful new home that has been so generously given the Post.

Geo. W. Perry Corps No. 121 of Scituate reports 93 graves decorated, 75 children assisting. Refreshments were provided the Post. A tribute was prepared for the "Sailor-soldier Dead," and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

Gen. James L. Bates Corps No. 122 of Swampscott reports 54 graves decorated. A memorial was prepared for the "Unknown Dead," and the Corps attended Sabbath services.

C. M. Packard Corps No. 123 of Avon reports 34 graves decorated, 150 children taking part. The Boys' Brigade took part in the exercises. A dinner was served the Post, and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

Collingwood Corps No. 124 of Plymouth reports 277 graves decorated, 250 children assisting in services. Refreshment were provided the Post and those who assisted in the exercises. A very impressive service was

held on the wharf as the Corps and children with Post assembled there. Facing the water, with song a tribute of flowers was cast on the waves, just as the tide was receding, in memory of the "Sailor-Soldier Dead."

F. A. Stearns Corps No. 125 of Spencer reports 104 graves decorated, 7 children assisting. A memorial was prepared for the "Unknown Dead," and Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

Wm. B. Eaton Corps No. 126 of Revere reports 47 graves decorated, 119 children taking part. The Corps served dinner to 250 guests and Post, and served 119 children with cake and ice-cream in the evening.

Gen. Wm. F. Bartlett Corps No. 127 of Andover reports 194 graves decorated. The Post carried for the first time the new flag presented them by the Corps. The Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

Veteran Corps No. 128 of Reading reports 140 graves decorated, 160 children taking part. The grave of Miss Ruggles, who furnished a substitute in the Civil War, was decorated. The Post and many of the Corps went to Wilmington, where there is no Post, and decorated graves there.

Berkshire Corps No. 129 of Pittsfield reports 297 graves decorated. Friday, May 27, details of our members visited the schools. Monday night the Post and Corps attended church in a body. Sunday, June 5, the Corps held a service at the mound of the "Unknown," and decorated graves of deceased members.

J. Arthur Johnson Corps No. 130 of Fiskdale reports 55 graves decorated, 44 children assisting. Dinner was served to the Post. Service for "Unknown Dead" was held at the "Soldiers' Lot" in the cemetery. The stage and marble tablets in the Town Hall, also soldiers' monument, were decorated. An address was given by Wm. W. Castle of Boston.

Thomas A. Parker Corps No. 131 of East Pepperell reports 60 graves decorated, 50 children taking part. Refreshments were provided. A tribute was prepared for the "Unknown Dead," and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

Chas. Chipman Corps No. 132 of Sandwich reports 55 graves decorated. 9 children assisted. The public schools held a memorial service in Town Hall, Friday afternoon, May 27, at which about 250 children were present. Addresses were made by veterans. A collation was served, and tributes were prepared for the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead."

Henry Clay Wade Corps No. 134 of Cottage City reports 70 graves decorated, 305 children taking part. The general ceremonies were held in Edgartown this year. The oration was delivered by B. T. Hillman, Past Commander of the Post. Refreshments were served, and tributes prepared for the "Unknown" and the "Sailor-Soldier Dead."

Charles C. Smith Corps No. 135 of South Hadley reports 51 graves decorated, 853 children taking part. Wreaths of evergreen and baskets were filled with flowers. The urn erected for the "Unknown Dead" was filled, each member contributing one plant. Refreshments were served.

David A. Russell Corps No. 136 of Whitman reports 133 graves decorated, 1,100 children taking part in the services. The Corps attended church with Post on Sunday. Monday evening memorial exercises were held in the Congregational Church,—orator, Rev. W. W. Bustard of Roxbury, singing led by Mrs. Anna Clifford Howard. A collation was served, and tributes prepared for the "Unknown" and the "Sailor-Soldier Dead."

Hartsuff Corps No. 137 of Rockland reports 172 graves decorated, 26 children taking part. A collation was served to Post, addresses by several citizens, recitations by the children of the schools closed the exercises.

C. C. Phillips Corps No. 138 of Hopkinton reports 175 graves decorated, 128 children taking part in exercises. Refreshments were provided the Post. A memorial was prepared for the "Unknown Dead," and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

D. G. Anderson Corps No. 139 of Great Barrington reports 80 graves decorated, 19 children assisting. Refreshments were provided the Post, and a memorial was prepared for the "Unknown Dead."

Theron E. Hall Corps No. 140 of Holden reports 72 graves decorated. The children had to be excused on account of the rain. The Gardner Band led the procession. A collation was served to Post and those who assisted in services.

Frank D. Hammond Corps No. 141 of South Chatham reports 216 graves decorated. Refreshments were provided the Post, Corps, and invited guests. All the schools united and held services in school-room. A tribute was prepared for the "Sailor-Soldier Dead."

B. F. Jones Corps No. 142 of Falmouth reports 44 graves decorated. 45 children marched to the cemetery with the Post and Corps, and scattered flowers on the graves. Tributes were prepared for the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead."

William Wadsworth Corps No. 143 of Duxbury reports 118 graves decorated, 85 children taking part. Refreshments were served, and tributes were prepared for the "Unknown" and the "Sailor-Soldier Dead."

Joseph E. Wilder Corps No. 144 of Hanover reports 87 graves decorated, also one Confederate soldier's grave. 42 children assisted. Refreshments were served, and a tribute prepared for the "Unknown Dead."

Marcus Keep Corps No. 145 of Monson reports 93 graves decorated. Refreshments were served to the Post, and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

T. L. Bonney Corps No. 146 of Hanson reports 51 graves decorated, 4 children assisting. The Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

Huntington F. Wolcott Corps No. 147 of Milton reports 100 graves decorated. Exercises were held in the Town Hall, to which the Corps added to the programmes a "Star-spangled Banner" drill by members of the high school, and an appropriate recitation by Master Frank Dow. The Corps contributed \$26; and, on the return of the Veterans from the

cemetery, a collation was served to the Post, Col. Oliver W. Peabody, S. of V., and invited guests.

Charles Devens Corps No. 148 of Oxford reports 76 graves decorated. Refreshments were provided the Post, and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

Scott Bradley Corps No. 149 of Lee reports 141 graves decorated. A collation was served, a memorial prepared for "Unknown Dead," and the Corps attended Sabbath services. After the services in Lee on Memorial Day, the Post and Corps went to Lenox, and assisted in exercises there.

George C. Marshall Corps No. 150 of Rutland reports 42 graves decorated, 100 children taking part. Refreshments were provided the Post, tributes were prepared for "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead."

Gen. Wm. T. Sherman Corps No. 151 of Wareham reports 160 graves decorated, 72 children assisting in services. Post and Corps arranged flowers for children to carry to the bridge, each child carrying a bouquet and flag. The service for the "Sailor-Soldier Dead" was held, the flowers being strewn on the waters. Refreshments were provided the Post and guests.

George H. Thomas Corps 152 of Leicester reports 74 graves decorated, 363 children taking part in the exercises. Refreshments were provided, and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

H. H. Legge Corps No. 153 of Uxbridge reports 80 graves decorated. There were exercises held at soldiers' monument and in Town Hall, also a service for the "Unknown Dead." Refreshments were served at noon, and again at four o'clock. An entertainment was given in the evening for G.A.R.

Ezra Batcheller Corps No. 154 of North Brookfield reports 92 graves decorated. Refreshments were served, the Corps attended Sabbath services, and prepared a memorial for the "Unknown Dead."

E. P. Hopkins Corps No. 155 of Williamstown reports 60 graves decorated, 125 children taking part in exercises. Flowers were contributed for decoration, and a collation was served the Post.

E. B. Nye Corps No. 156 of Bourne reports 98 graves decorated, the children of the schools assisting. Refreshments were provided, the Corps attended Sabbath services, and held a service for the "Sailor-Soldier Dead" at the Bourne Bridge.

Boston Corps No. 157 of Boston reports graves were decorated in four different cemeteries. Refreshments were provided, the Corps attended Sabbath services, and prepared a tribute to the "Unknown Dead."

Mountain Miller Corps No. 158 of Plainfield reports 47 graves decorated, 40 children taking part. An address was given by Mr. J. W. Thompson, and music was rendered by a quartette from Pittsfield.

Samuel Sibley Corps No. 159 of East Douglas reports 87 graves decorated, 75 children assisting in service, and marched with the G.A.R. Exercises were held in Congregational Church, with address by Homer B. Sprague.

George F. Sayles Corps No. 160 of Adams reports 95 graves decorated, 24 grandsons of veterans assisting. Dinner was provided for veterans and wives, Sons of Veterans, and W.R.C. A tribute was prepared for the "Unknown Dead," and the Corps attended services in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Woburn Corps No. 161 of Woburn reports 316 graves decorated. A beautiful memorial was to have been dedicated and unveiled in Woodbrook Cemetery; but, owing to the bad weather, the exercises were held in Lyceum Hall. Lieut. Gov. Curtis Guild was orator of the day. Refreshments provided.

Gen. J. G. Barnard Corps No. 162 of Sheffield reports 43 graves decorated, 80 children assisting. A memorial was prepared for the "Unknown Dead," the Corps attended Sabbath services, and served refreshments to the Post and guests.

Martha Sever Corps No. 163 of Kingston reports 100 graves decorated, 40 children taking part. Tributes were prepared to the "Unknown" and the "Sailor-Soldier Dead." Refreshments were provided the Post. Graves of Revolutionary soldiers and the War of 1812 were also decorated.

H. H. Johnson Corps No. 164 of Northfield reports 48 graves decorated, 50 children assisting. Dinner was provided, a tribute prepared for the "Unknown Dead," and the Corps attended Sabbath services.

Gen. W. S. Lincoln Corps No. 165 of Enfield reports 87 graves decorated, 170 children taking part. Tributes were prepared for the "Unknown" and "Sailor-Soldier Dead," and refreshments were provided.

E. T. Dresser Corps No. 166 of Housatonic reports 34 graves decorated, 150 children assisting in exercises held in Central Hall in the evening. There were speeches by local talent, recitations and singing by the children, and music by Military Band.

M. E. Stowell Corps No. 167 of South Deerfield reports 96 graves decorated. The Corps attended Sabbath memorial services, and provided refreshments for the Post.

Alanson Hamilton Corps No. 168 of West Brookfield reports 55 graves decorated, 75 children assisting. Refreshments were provided the Post, and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

Bridgewater Corps No. 169 of Bridgewater reports 230 graves decorated, 600 children taking part. The Corps attended Sabbath services, prepared a tribute to the "Unknown Dead," and provided refreshments for the Post and those who assisted in services.

Alfred C. Monroe Corps No. 170 of East Bridgewater reports 36 graves decorated, 25 children assisting. The new Camp, S. of V., escorted the Post and W.R.C. to the cemetery, where were held services for the "Unknown Dead," afterward returned to Post Hall, where exercises were held, consisting of music and an address by Mrs. C. F. Allyn.

Sergt. Plunkett Corps No. 171 of Ashburnham reports 74 graves decorated, 20 children taking part. The Corps attended Sabbath services, and provided refreshments for Post and guests.

Major-Gen. H. G. Berry Corps No. 172 of Malden reports 290 graves decorated, 60 children assisting. The principal services were held at Forstdale Cemetery, where Post, Corps, and S. of V. united in the usual services. Flowers were furnished for the graves of eleven Corps members, and a beautiful floral tribute for the "Unknown Dead" was presented.

Otis W. Wallace Corps No. 173 of Rockport reports 149 graves decorated. 140 children, dressed in white, took part with the Post in all the services of the day. Refreshments were provided, and a tribute was prepared for the "Unknown Dead."

Gen. J. G. Foster Corps No. 174 of South Framingham reports 90 graves decorated. The Corps provided a dinner for the Post, S. of V., Co. E, 6th Mass. Regt., and the band. They also decorated the graves of deceased members, and prepared a memorial for the "Unknown Dead."

Y-an-no Corps No. 175 of Hyannis reports 36 graves decorated, 4 children assisting in exercises. Refreshments were provided the Post, and the Corps attended Sabbath memorial services.

**TABULATED MEMORIAL DAY REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN, DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, W.R.C.,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1904.**

No. of Corps.	NAME OF CORPS.	LOCATION.	1 Number of members in good standing.	2 Number of members taking part on Memorial Day.	3 Number of children taking part on Memorial Day.	4 Number of soldiers graves decorated.	5 What expense was incurred?	6 Were refreshments provided for the Post?	7 Were flowers provided for the Post?	8 Was a memorial prepared for the "Unknown Dead"?	9 Did Corps attend Sab-bath memorial services?	10 Is Corps adjacent to large streams or bodies of water?	11 Did Corps prepare trib-ute for "Sailor-Soldier Dead"?	12 Amount Contributed for Memorial Day in the South.
1	Edwin V. Sumner.	Fitchburg	127	40	8	378	\$45.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	1.00
2	Charles Beck.	Cambridge	78	30	60	128	1.50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1.00
3	John A. Hawes	East Boston	108	55	25	315	26.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2.00
4	Everett Peabody	Georgetown	54	10	65	110	13.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	2.00
5	S. C. Lawrence.	Medford	126	30	35	168	30.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	2.00
6	P. T. Wyman.	Holliston	69	30	275	150	13.62	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	2.00
7	Fletcher Webster.	Brockton	279	200	275	417	38.68	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	2.00
8	E. W. Pierce.	Middleboro	115	50	25	293	1.75	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	2.00
9	Mal. G. L. Stearns.	Charlestown	103	75	35	415	10.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2.00
10	Theodore Winthrop	Chelsea	92	50	15	425	75.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1.00
11	George H. Ward.	Worcester	321	85	240	1,151	43.15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	5.00
12	D. Willard Robinson.	Danvers	144	75	70	244	35.80	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	1.00
13	Ward	Norwell	46	24	56	80	13.67	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	1.00
14	E. K. Wilcox.	Springfield	235	100	300	559	27.32	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	2.00
15	Col. Prescott.	Ashtand	59	22	2	67	25.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	3.00
16	U. S. Grant.	Melrose	75	22	300	160	9.25	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	2.00
17	Gen. Sedgwick	Orange	144	45	177	204	3.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	2.00
18	William L. Baker.	Northampton	148	40	50	310	5.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	2.00
19	E. P. Wallace.	Amesbury	128	50	100	250	50.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2.00
20	Dahlgren.	South Boston	80	50	200	675	30.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2.00
21	Willard C. Kinsley.	Somerville	195	60	75	250	25.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	5.00
22	Lyon	Westfield	64	20	32	243	25.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	2.00
23	John Goodwin, Jr.	Marblehead	89	41	95	419	26.18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	1.00
24	Col. C. R. Mudge	Merrimac	103	103	15	86	21.04	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1.00
25	F. P. H. Rogers.	Waltham	167	55	25	276	15.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	1.00
26	A. W. Bartlett.	Newburyport	129	30	25	544	15.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2.00
27	William H. Smart.	Cambridgeport	134	23	80	160	15.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1.00
28	Chas. Russell Lowell.	Boston	100	63	14	491	23.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2.00
29	Gen. Lander.	Lynn	310	50	1,000	1,334	55.00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	5.00
30	John H. Chipman.	Beverly	181	87	135	349	5.25	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	3.00

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1904—Continued.

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31	Charles H. Stevens	Leominster	170	100	1,651	226	\$11.70	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	\$2.00
32	Charles D. Sanford	North Adams	81	25	250	250	5.00	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	1.00
33	James A. Garfield	Lowell	78	30	200	1,346	5.00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2.00
34	Phil. H. Sheridan	Salem	109	100	40	1,124	5.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5.00
35	Timothy Ingraham	Hyde Park	79	32	40	54	.75	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	1.00
36	E. A. Andrews	Shrewsbury	35	22	200	75	.75	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	1.00
37	W. W. Rockwell	Pittsfield	145	53	200	207	18.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	2.00
38	Gen. Kilpatrick	Holyoke	121	30	12	204	18.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	2.00
39	Abraham Lincoln	Charlestown	115	40	11	380	50.00	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	2.00
40	James A. Perkins	Everett	79	30	75	288	50.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2.00
41	E. P. Carpenter	Roxboro	69	30	75	111	11	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	1.00
42	Gen. James Appleton	Insworth	145	40	16	176	30.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3.00
43	Francis Gould	Arlington	90	40	150	172	15.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	2.00
44	David Church	Marshfield	52	22	200	83	15.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	1.00
45	William A. Streeter	Attleboro	34	25	200	165	5.50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	2.00
46	Gen. E. W. Hincks	Saugus	52	24	75	125	5.50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2.00
47	Justin Dimick	F. Bridgewater	45	25	50	115	16.42	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	1.00
48	H. S. Greenleaf	Colerain	52	24	11	127	6.00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	1.00
49	George S. Boutwell	Ayer	53	26	50	50	6.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	1.00
50	Union	Peabody	61	30	50	180	25.11	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	2.00
51	J. C. Freeman	Provincetown	34	33	32	52	2.25	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	1.00
52	A. R. Randall	Eastondale	51	14	32	214	8.47	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	2.00
53	Wm. Logan Rodman	New Bedford	76	24	272	940	8.47	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2.00
54	E. Brigham Piper	Walpole	48	20	50	59	13.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2.00
55	Needham	Lawrence Falls	138	22	24	741	13.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	2.00
56	Oro Miller	Shelburne Falls	43	20	50	88	140	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	3.00
57	Edwin E. Day	Greenfield	100	50	50	52	11.56	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	3.00
58	George C. Strong	Easthampton	47	43	40	253	116.80	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	2.00
59	Isaac B. Patten	Watertown	83	40	20	175	10.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	2.00
60	Edwin Humphrey	Hingham	89	60	15	175	10.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	2.00
61	John Rogers	Mansfield	41	85	85	80	10.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	2.00

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111	Joseph E. Simmons.	Penbrooke	59	25	30	78	\$10.50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$1.00
112	Eriessan.	Templeton	60	30	65	109		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	1.00
113	Joseph P. Rice.	Westminster	104	25	65	71		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	1.00
114	O. H. P. Sargent.	Essex.	47	27	100	70		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	2.00
115	W. W. Lawton.	Ware	65	30	100	119	4.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	
116	Edwin M. Stanton.	Amherst	55	25	100	80		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1.00
117	Frederick M. Whiting.	No. Attleboro.	84	40	50	93		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	
118	Nathaniel Lyon.	Webster	62	35	12	201		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
119	Alton.	Manchester	84	30	31	65	5.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
120	William H. Bartlett.	Taunton	95	60	30	536	57.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	2.00
121	George W. Perry.	Scituate	46	20	75	93	100.00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	1.00
122	Gen. James L. Bates.	Swampscott	65	32	150	34	22.75	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	2.00
123	Gen. Packard.	Avon	17	8	250	277	9.00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	
124	Collingwood.	Plymouth	286	100	7	104	16.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5.00
125	Frederick A. Stearns.	Spencer	86	30	119	104	10.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	1.00
126	William B. Eaton.	Revere	45	20	7	47	5.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	1.00
127	Gen. Wm. F. Bartlett.	Andover	63	23	160	194	200.00	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	1.00
128	Veteran.	Reading	118	34	44	297		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	1.00
129	Berkshire.	Pittsfield.	98	42	55	55	125.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	1.00
130	Thos. A. Johnson.	Sturbridge	38	20	50	60		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	1.00
131	Thomas A. Parker.	E. Pepperell	30	15	9	55	2.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	1.00
132	Charles Chipman.	Sandwich	40	24	9	55		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
133	Charter surrendered	Cottage City	85	38	305	70		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2.00
134	Henry Clay Wade.	No. Hadley Falls	125	21	853	51		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
135	David C. Smith.	Whitman	158	61	1,100	133	8.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	2.00
136	Harvard.	Rockland	185	75	26	172	5.00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	1.00
137	C. C. Phillips.	Hopkinton	76	25	128	175	4.49	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	1.00
138	D. G. Anderson.	Gt. Barrington	27	10	19	80	100.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	.25
139	Thos. E. Hall.	Holden	37	20	72	216	5.43	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	2.00
140	Frank D. Hammond.	So. Chatham	48	30			2.00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	1.00

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The year has been an exceedingly pleasant one. The many invitations I have received to attend socials, anniversaries, and receptions from all parts of the State have been greatly appreciated and, whenever possible, I have attended. I only regret other duties have prevented my accepting them all.

I have attended all meetings of the Council, represented the Department at the Norfolk County Convention at Avon, the Plymouth County Convention at Whitman, and Bristol County at New Bedford. I also had the pleasure of serving as conductor during the installation of the officers of Plymouth County Association. I have attended four exemplifications, inspected four Corps, visited many of the County Conventions, and have been present, whenever possible, at the meetings of the Executive Committee for the Entertainment of the National Convention.

If my report were not already so long, I would like to speak of the many delightful happenings of the Encampment week,—the reception, the splendid campfire, the “shore dinner,” the grand reception given by Corps 29 of Lynn, the campfire given by Corps 39 of Charlestown, and the delightful day at Plymouth, where we were so royally entertained by Collingwood Corps.

Early in the season I had the pleasure of attending the reception tendered the Department President, Mrs. Warne, by the Post and Corps of Waltham. The trip to Cottage City and Nantucket, in company with the Department President, Department Inspector, and I. and I. officer, will long be remembered. The silver anniversary of Corps 7 of Brockton was a very happy occasion, and last, but not least, the reception to the Department officers given by the Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Blackmar at their lovely home in Boston.

My sincere thanks are due for the many courtesies received from my associate officers. The many happy occasions spent together during this busy year will never be forgotten; and, with the wish that the Father's loving hand may lead you all in “green pastures” and by “still waters,” this report is

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

ELIZABETH P. SAWYER,

Department Chaplain.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

BOSTON, Feb. 1, 1905.

Miss MARY E. ELLIOT,

Department Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: Another year has rolled around; and, in accordance with my duty as Department Inspector, I render the following report of the work accomplished by the Corps for the year ending Aug. 31, 1904.

A recapitulation and comparative statement for the years ending Aug. 31, 1903 and 1904, will be found on page 134.

For convenience the following summary is presented:—

SUMMARY.

Number of Corps Aug. 31, 1903	172
Number of Corps instituted during the year	2
Number of Corps surrendered charter	1
Number of Corps Aug. 31, 1904	173
Number of members in good standing Aug. 31, 1903	14,161
Number of members in good standing Aug. 31, 1904	14,516
Net gain in members during the year	355
Number of Corps inspected in 1904	173
Total amount of money in General Fund	\$18,212.24
Total amount of money in Relief Fund	11,994.56
Total amount of money in General and Relief Funds	30,206.80
Total amount of money expended for relief	6,839.86
Total estimated value of relief other than money	2,179.11
Amount of money turned over to Posts	11,150.33
Total amount expended for relief in money or its equivalent, and turned over to Posts	20,169.30

TABULATED REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR

NAME OF CORPS.	Number of Corps.	Number of regular meetings in the year.	Number of members in good standing.	Average attendance of officers for year.	Average attendance of members, including officers for year.	Amount charged for initiation (not including price of badge).	Amount charged for yearly dues.	Amount of money in General Fund.	Amount of money in Relief Fund (if none, so report).	Amount expended for relief from Aug. 31, 1903, to Aug. 31, 1904.	Estimated value of relief other than money from Aug. 31, 1904, to Aug. 31, 1904.
Edwin V. Sumner.	1	24	127	13	33	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$195.83	\$188.07	\$98.56	\$5.00
Chas. Beck.	2	22	86	14	29	1.00	1.00	74.04	37.79	54.31	0.00
John A. Hawes.	3	24	101	9	24	1.00	1.00	18.38	33.40	8.00	5.00
Everett Peabody.	4	19	55	11	18	1.00	1.00	69.87	29.08	10.00	3.00
S. C. Lawrence.	5	22	118	8	22	1.00	1.40	77.35	199.55	78.18	0.00
P. T. Wyman.	6	21	68	12	23	1.00	1.00	11.94	91.67	25.00	1.50
Fletcher Webster.	7	24	278	15	56	1.00	1.00	439.93	1.35	107.55	3.75
E. W. Pierce.	8	24	114	14	33	1.00	1.00	358.26	43.49	56.50	6.50
Major G. L. Stearns.	9	24	103	13	43	1.00	1.20	35.05	58.30	37.46	26.00
Theodore Winthrop.	10	18	97	12	24	1.00	1.00	31.52	16.19	55.00	12.50
Geo. H. Ward.	11	21	323	14	75	2.00	1.00	429.62	357.10	116.62	58.50
Ward.	12	22	138	13	38	1.00	1.24	926.85	75.13	125.72	00.00
D. Willard Robinson.	13	22	45	12	17	1.00	1.00	5.67	20.07	20.89	16.05
E. K. Wilcox.	14	24	231	13	54	1.00	1.00	85.09	516.93	218.26	38.75
Col. Prescott.	15	24	59	11	19	1.00	1.00	122.35	52.31	15.65	18.80
U. S. Grant.	16	23	70	13	22	1.00	1.00	36.03	42.50	21.50	5.75
Gen. Sedgwick.	17	24	139	12	28	1.00	1.00	260.41	78.03	20.00	20.00
Wm. L. Baker.	18	21	139	11	36	1.00	1.00	18.73	767.23	122.29	1.25
E. P. Wallace.	19	24	126	12	36	1.00	1.00	25.48	26.21	10.00	.....
Dahlgren.	20	20	84	13	32	1.00	2.00	160.25	83.47	90.88	41.00
Willard C. Kinsley.	21	20	194	14	51	1.00	1.20	111.80	340.43	309.38	51.94
Lyon.	22	24	69	12	20	1.00	1.00	37.09	219.85	23.00	7.65
John Goodwin, Jr.	23	21	89	13	25	1.00	1.00	62.69	45.96	33.75	.....
Col. C. R. Mudge.	24	19	104	12	28	1.00	1.00	15.67	15.17	46.19	7.00
F. P. H. Rogers.	25	23	177	13	41	1.00	1.50	133.85	228.96	60.17	13.32
A. W. Bartlett.	26	24	127	13	34	1.00	1.00	20.13	38.91	13.00	11.00
William H. Smart.	27	19	144	14	40	1.00	1.00	86.85	14.08	653.51	6.75
Chas. Russell Lowell.	28	22	128	13	41	1.00	2.00	136.26	34.92	124.24	124.00
Gen. Lander.	29	24	323	14	92	1.50	1.40	292.02	367.74	384.25	76.95
John H. Chipman.	30	45	175	12	45	1.00	1.50	190.62	92.27	145.93	.....
Charles H. Stevens.	31	24	169	13	34	1.00	1.00	279.94	151.04	63.63	.....
Charles D. Sanford.	32	40	80	12	24	1.00	1.00	54.90	21.63	20.88	29.85
James A. Garfield.	33	22	70	12	19	1.50	1.00	142.72	47.58	17.00	.....
Phil. A. Sheridan.	34	23	178	14	37	1.00	1.00	115.40	393.46	234.14	.....
Timothy Ingraham.	35	22	77	14	26	1.00	1.32	67.76	10.80	18.29	5.00
E. A. Andrews.	36	23	27	9	12	1.00	1.00	14.08	93.44	4.00	.....
W. W. Rockwell.	37	24	143	13	30	1.00	1.00	259.40	114.08	12.00	.....
Gen. Kilpatrick.	38	22	120	15	36	1.00	1.00	196.95	477.33	100.25	13.86
Abraham Lincoln.	39	22	125	14	49	1.60	1.40	104.01	13.48	34.33	.....
James A. Perkins.	40	22	89	16	58	1.00	1.40	93.38	103.03	29.83	1.75
E. P. Carpenter.	41	23	67	12	24	1.00	1.00	20.98	29.45	28.87	5.00
Gen. James Appleton.	42	50	147	13	37	1.00	1.00	112.23	421.55	106.45	.....
Francis Gould.	43	24	89	13	28	1.00	1.40	144.16	40.00	44.88	.....
David Church.	44	22	52	11	15	1.00	1.00	10.58	11.50	25.00	.....
Wm. A. Streeter.	45	24	40	10	17	1.00	1.00	144.42	36.78	26.31	.....
Gen. E. W. Hincks.	46	24	54	14	22	1.00	1.20	61.10	150.00	.....	.....
Justin Dimick.	47	19	47	11	16	1.00	1.00	69.90	28.35	12.25	5.30
H. S. Greenleaf.	48	24	53	8	13	1.00	1.00	75.30	3.50	7.00	12.28
Geo. S. Boutwell.	49	21	54	11	14	1.00	1.00	28.69	11.68	1.00	.....
Union.	50	21	57	13	22	1.50	1.00	189.17	156.65	19.46	.....
J. C. Freeman.	51	24	45	10	14	1.00	1.00	24.50	14.36	9.18	9.25
A. B. Randall.	52	23	33	8	11	1.00	1.00	134.51	6.31	18.64	.....
Wm. Logan Rodman.	53	44	78	14	27	1.63	1.40	58.95	27.43	58.35	148.05
E. Brigham Piper.	54	12	47	12	16	1.13	1.00	26.49	84.31	.....	5.00
Needham.	55	20	137	10	20	1.00	1.00	15.63	45.51	77.44	5.00
Ozro Miller.	56	20	43	8	12	1.00	1.00	34.92	12.35	2.50	5.00
Edwin E. Day.	57	22	101	13	31	1.00	1.00	162.60	36.20	8.50	5.00
George C. Strong.	58	21	45	12	17	1.00	1.00	136.65	121.01	15.00	.....
Isaac B. Patten.	59	22	83	12	26	1.00	1.00	56.70	38.26	36.08	10.00
Edwin Humphrey.	60	12	94	13	31	1.00	1.00	235.90	76.61	42.80	23.80

FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUG. 31, 1904.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUG. 31, 1904.

Amount of money turned over to Post from Aug. 31, 1903, to Aug. 31, 1904.	Is the number of Rituals complete?	Have all reports and dues been forwarded to Department Headquarters?	Does the Treasurer notify all members in arrears, as required by obligation?	Does the "Corps Treas. or her assistants" visit and explain our laws to delinquent members, as provided in Rev. Ritual, p. 45?	Are all members when two quarters in arrears for dues reported as suspended in Quar. Reports?	Are copies of regular Quarterly Relief Reports sent to the Post?	Do the Post and Corps work in harmony?	Did the Corps send a representative to last Department Convention?	Did the Corps Representative make a report of the proceedings of last Department Convention?	Is the work of the Ritual memorized?	Is it otherwise properly performed?	Is the work of the Secretary properly performed and books correct?	Is the work of the Treasurer properly performed and books correct?	Do the books of Sec. and Treas. show that they have been audited quarterly by the Auditing Committee?	Number of Corps.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	A	B	C	D	E	
\$50.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
258.75	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2
.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3
30.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4
300.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5
50.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6
61.25	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	7
.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	8
400.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	9
346.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	10
.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	11
212.20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	12
40.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	13
10.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	14
50.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	15
90.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	16
25.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	17
50.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	18
43.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	19
.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	20
127.67	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	21
11.32	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	22
109.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	23
100.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	24
663.22	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	25
100.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	26
303.30	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	27
303.68	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	28
100.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	29
150.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	30
.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	31
1,119.88	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	32
.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	33
.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	34
52.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	35
125.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	36
100.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	37
35.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	38
20.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	39
176.95	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	40
.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	41
50.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	42
43.50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	43
28.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	44
47.50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	45
15.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	46
25.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	47
100.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	48
.....	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	49
60.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	50
95.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	51
.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	52
.....	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	53
15.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	54
67.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	55
25.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	56
50.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	57
53.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	58
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NAME OF CORPS.	Number of Corps.		Number of regular meet- ings in the year.	Number of members in good standing.	Average attendance of officers for year.	Average attendance of members, including offi- cers, for year.	Amount charged for initiation (not includ- ing price of badge).	Amount charged for yearly dues.	Amount of money in General Fund.	Amount of money in Relief Fund (if none, so report).	Amount expended for relief from Aug. 31, 1903, to Aug. 31, 1904.	Estimated value of re- lief other than money from Aug. 31, 1903, to Aug. 31, 1904.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
John Rogers.....	61	21	44	11	14	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$35.34	\$7.28	\$13.55	\$2.50	
Isaac Davis.....	62	21	89	12	20	1.10	1.24	27.19	153.91	18.00	22.00	
Thomas G. Stevenson..	63	22	208	13	50	1.00	1.00	46.11	36.90	35.00	200.00	
Manton E. Taft.....	64	24	69	11	18	1.00	1.00	25.99	10.04	20.00	56.60	
J. P. Gould.....	65	22	102	14	37	1.00	1.00	51.26	23.11	32.68	39.57	
P. Stearns Davis.....	66	22	134	11	24	1.00	1.00	36.90	32.43	44.69	32.43	
Robert A. Bell.....	67	24	57	10	14	1.00	1.20	4.60	22.60	2.25	10.05	
Benj. Stone, Jr.....	68	23	205	17	29	1.00	1.00	80.98	24.55	104.73	30.70	
H. M. Warren.....	69	24	133	13	33	1.00	1.00	74.17	14.44	31.05	80.00	
Clara Barton.....	70	13	31	10	10	1.00	1.00	179.56	9.17	7.00	28.57	
Malcolm Ammidown..	71	24	61	12	19	1.00	1.00	83.77	25.00	12.50	.....
Major E. F. Fletcher..	72	16	198	15	49	1.00	1.00	99.46	360.69	152.75	12.75	
Joe Johnson.....	73	18	51	12	17	1.00	1.00	10.67	96.01	12.50	.....
Geo. H. Maintien.....	74	22	48	7	11	1.00	2.00	5.69	21.70	13.00	52.90	
B. F. Butler.....	75	20	53	9	15	1.00	1.25	181.07	30.81	12.24	6.50	
L. L. Merrick.....	76	22	58	10	13	1.00	1.00	136.86	8.96	10.74	.....
Col. Allen.....	77	35	116	11	30	1.00	1.44	24.34	52.24	63.08	.....
George K. Bird.....	78	22	57	10	19	1.00	1.40	234.40	54.00	9.00	5.00	
Francis Washburn.....	79	22	137	14	40	1.00	1.24	393.77	60.53	75.68	35.00	
Arthur G. Biscoe.....	80	24	61	12	17	1.00	1.00	77.85	11.49	13.00	3.35	
E. G. Griggs.....	81	12	24	9	11	1.00	1.00	10.90	8.00	5.65	6.50	
Hubbard V. Smith.....	82	22	165	15	41	1.00	1.00	249.95	337.98	83.85	9.50	
E. S. Clark.....	83	19	29	9	11	1.00	1.00	6.41	4.34	.....	8.33
Burbank.....	84	24	91	13	26	1.00	1.00	39.87	46.71	.....	39.75
Galen Orr.....	85	20	42	12	16	1.00	1.40	32.59	.....	.....	.....
Thomas M. Gardner.....	86	24	99	11	29	1.00	1.00	86.84	31.10	23.87	4.29	
Charles Sumner.....	87	15	40	10	12	1.00	1.00	42.42	4.34	5.17	12.00	
Friedrich Hecker.....	88	22	43	12	17	1.00	1.00	17.38	14.01	16.00	.....
Franklin.....	89	23	74	9	15	1.00	1.00	150.68	27.33	10.55	3.50	
D. G. Farragut.....	90	23	107	12	30	1.00	1.00	135.20	84.12	20.00	.....
Washington.....	91	20	27	12	17	1.00	1.00	1.82	5.00	18.25	9.00	
Armstrong.....	92	24	49	9	12	1.00	1.00	42.16	21.64	35.00	.....
Creston.....	93	24	73	11	21	1.00	1.00	54.20	46.78	41.38	.....
Gen. S. Thayer.....	94	22	85	12	20	1.00	1.00	86.02	72.41	35.00	.....
R. A. Pierce.....	95	21	64	12	21	1.00	2.00	240.56	93.20	38.27	.....
Major Howe.....	96	42	155	12	27	1.00	1.32	178.86	14.75	63.41	18.55	
Gen. Geo. G. Meade.....	97	22	71	10	19	1.00	1.32	148.49	27.93	19.00	2.50	
Francis A. Clary.....	98	17	18	7	8	1.00	1.00	7.17	22.19	10.00	.....
A. St. John Chambré..	99	19	44	10	16	1.00	1.00	38.18	24.37	.....	.....
Revere.....	100	18	54	12	18	1.00	1.00	32.71	26.00	.....	.....
Gilman C. Parker.....	101	23	33	13	19	1.00	1.00	105.30	299.48	.....	.....
Reynolds.....	102	24	227	14	61	1.00	1.00	433.12	149.08	171.14	.....
Paul Revere.....	103	22	78	14	32	1.50	1.00	86.99	18.15	14.92	6.98	
Gen. Horace C. Lee.....	104	8	12	5	5	1.00	1.00	10.57	1.00	5.00	.....
J. Orson Fiske.....	105	24	45	10	18	1.00	1.00	24.00	46.62	25.00	15.00	
Richard Borden.....	106	22	146	12	20	2.50	1.00	622.23	22.35	135.12	20.00	
James H. Sargent.....	107	14	35	8	10	1.00	1.00	27.53	11.68	3.70	13.65	
McPherson.....	108	24	103	12	30	1.00	1.00	63.59	19.65	9.00	50.00	
C. L. Chandler.....	109	22	91	12	21	1.00	1.00	67.55	200.80	71.76	137.15	
Capt. Horace Niles.....	110	22	98	9	16	1.00	1.00	60.84	25.00	6.00	5.00	
Joseph E. Simmons.....	111	21	60	12	22	1.00	1.00	69.06	43.71	40	8.00	
Eriasson.....	112	22	62	11	21	1.00	1.00	40.46	55.00	5.00	.....
Joseph P. Rice.....	113	21	102	13	25	1.00	1.00	151.76	96.32	.....	.....
O. H. P. Sargent.....	114	32	45	10	15	1.00	1.00	26.04	17.06	5.00	.....
J. W. Lawton.....	115	22	67	9	27	1.00	1.00	138.07	105.39	16.07	.....
Edwin M. Stanton.....	116	22	40	12	22	1.00	1.00	191.63	30.45	18.70	10.12	
Frederick E. Whiting.....	117	22	83	14	20	1.00	1.32	73.51	17.42	.....	.....
Nathaniel Lyon.....	118	24	66	10	19	1.00	1.00	128.00	129.56	29.16	5.50	
Allen.....	119	48	85	13	24	1.00	1.00	83.40	61.61	56.25	12.25	
William H. Bartlett.....	120	22	98	15	31	1.00	1.32	59.00	45.68	102.37	16.28	

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\$25.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	61
60.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	62
253.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	63
100.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	64
61.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	65
90.50	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	66
60.88	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	67
283.79	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	68
100.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	69
15.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	70
6.56	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	71
50.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	72
5.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	73
10.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	74
50.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	75
63.08	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	76
75.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	78
50.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	79
247.40	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	80
45.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	81
50.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	82
47.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	83
49.90	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	84
125.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	85
10.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	86
41.75	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87
30.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	88
133.45	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	89
122.33	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	90
125.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	91
100.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	92
30.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	93
100.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	94
50.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	95
26.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	96
18.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	98
76.87	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	99
5.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100
335.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	101
33.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	102
5.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	103
10.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	104
25.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	105
25.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	106
20.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	107
49.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	108
47.87	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	109

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Geo. W. Perry	121	22	43	13	16	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$23.28	\$80.02	\$2.00	\$20.73
Gen James L. Bates	122	42	63	10	27	1.00	1.00	15.33	47.62	45.00	
C. M. Packard	123	24	18	8	8	1.00	1.00	109.00	10.84		
Collingwood	124	23	281	13	63	1.00	1.00	553.08	102.57	145.47	1.00
Fraser A. Stearns	125	24	77	12	24	1.00	1.00	64.23	46.08	20.00	2.50
William B. Eaton	126	23	45	12	14	1.00	1.00	25.09	8.78	27.50	1.50
Gen. Wm. F. Bartlett	127	23	62	10	15	1.00	1.00	102.36	25.00		1.00
Veteran	128	22	119	13	38	1.00	1.00	281.96	57.09	25.00	
Berkshire	129	23	100	12	29	1.00	1.00	146.50	12.25	2.00	8.00
J. Arthur Johnson	130	21	41	7	11	1.00	1.00	18.30	9.05	12.92	15.00
Thomas A. Parker	131	19	27	9	10	1.00	1.00	38.82	9.10		
Charles Chipman	132	19	40	10	12	1.00	1.00	13.05	15.00	2.00	39.60
Henry Clay Wade	134	22	84	10	17	1.10	1.32	94.18	22.21	26.30	
Charles C. Smith	135	14	27	9	11	1.00	1.00	10.67	12.54		
David A. Russell	136	23	155	14	37	1.00	1.00	53.68	187.66	19.55	6.65
Hartsuff	137	22	190	14	52	1.00	1.00	117.81	11.65	61.71	4.50
C. C. Phillips	138	24	79	12	20	1.00	1.00	95.23	9.09	78.25	
D. G. Anderson	139	14	29	10	14	1.00	1.00	103.00	27.33	7.40	
Theron E. Hall	140	21	40	10	15	1.00	1.00	124.30	33.19	7.50	
Frank D. Hammond	141	10	48	11	16	1.00	1.00	63.82	20.55	7.00	3.00
B. F. Jones	142	8	31	7	8	1.00	1.00	46.55	15.57	5.00	7.00
William Wadsworth	143	19	37	10	13	1.00	1.00	35.00	11.80		5.40
Joseph E. Wilder	144	19	48	8	11	1.00	1.00	153.59	96.26	35.00	
Marcus Keep	145	22	68	13	20	1.00	1.00	96.59	47.62	5.00	
T. L. Bonney	146	12	72	12	25	1.00	1.00	83.42	81.68	33.00	
Huntington F. Wolcott	147	18	38	12	18	1.00	1.00	45.20	6.00	5.00	20.00
Charles Devens	148	20	21	10	11	1.00	1.00	14.82	3.00		1.15
Scott Bradley	149	16	32	7	17	1.00	1.00	52.27	22.57	10.00	18.05
George C. Marshall	150	20	25	12	15	1.00	1.00	6.07	27.41	15.95	17.00
Gen. Wm. T. Sherman	151	24	56	11	14	1.00	1.00	24.81	4.11	10.50	8.00
George H. Thomas	152	24	63	10	18	1.00	1.00	82.29	248.77	21.48	18.50
H. H. Legge	153	18	35	8	12	1.00	1.00	84.59	16.97	11.35	4.00
Ezra Batchelder	154	24	44	9	20	1.00	1.00	27.41	30.92	1.17	2.75
E. F. Hopkins	155	12	30	7	15	1.00	1.00	7.52	16.26		
E. B. Nye	156	16	61	10	20	1.00	1.00	32.28	2.56		
Boston	157	21	60	12	21	1.50	2.00	6.45	5.85	14.00	8.00
Mountain Miller	158	11	22	7	10	1.00	1.00	54.67	15.26	4.25	
Samuel Sibley	159	24	20	6	7	1.00	1.00	5.40	16.16	8.50	2.00
George E. Sayles	160	21	37	8	10	1.00	1.00	17.33	15.95	5.87	10.00
Woburn	161	22	109	13	34	1.00	1.00	85.26	2.21	14.92	5.25
Gen. J. G. Barnard	162	15	33	9	12	1.00	1.00	25.71	54.91	5.09	
Martha Sever	163	21	51	12	15	1.00	1.00	140.21	16.50	16.50	7.50
H. H. Johnson	164	19	48	10	12	1.00	1.00	141.65	30.83	30.00	5.00
Gen. Wm. S. Lincoln	165	18	24	8	9	1.00	1.00	23.00	32.44	5.00	8.00
M. E. Stowell	167	11	28	8	9	1.00	1.00	63.79	15.00	15.00	
*Alanson Hamilton	168	7	28	11	21	1.00	1.00	15.70	2.00		
Bridgewater	169	22	63	11	17	1.00	1.00	145.63	12.33	9.61	2.00
Alfred C. Monroe	170	22	51	15	18	1.00	1.00	216.05	17.28	22.05	11.80
Sergt. Plunkett	171	20	75	8	13	1.00	1.00	555.85	3.60	10.00	
Major-Gen. H. G. Berry	172	22	65	12	17	1.00	1.00	63.85	29.17	5.00	
Otis W. Wallace	173	24	96	11	32	1.00	1.00	85.96	56.22	56.50	
Gen. J. G. Foster	174	21	113	12	25	1.00	1.00	277.30	8.05	31.26	11.53
Y-an-no	175	22	57	12	21	1.00	1.00	25.40	22.95		30.00

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\$20.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	121
212.36	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	122
110.50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	123
24.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	124
10.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	125
50.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	126
110.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	127
10.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	128
25.00	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	129
45.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	130
10.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	131
85.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	132
22.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	133
160.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	134
.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	135
36.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	136
20.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	137
20.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	138
10.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	139
18.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	140
12.75	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	141
.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	142
25.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	143
75.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	144
25.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	145
24.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	146
15.00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No					

RECAPITULATION AND COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

FOR YEARS ENDING AUG. 31, 1903, AND AUG. 31, 1904.

	AUG. 31, 1903.	AUG. 31, 1904.
Whole number of Corps in Department.	173	173
Whole number of Corps reporting.	173	173.
1 Number of meetings in the year.	3,839.	3,791
2 Number of members in good standing.	14,017.	14,516.
3 Average attendance of officers.	11.	11.
4 Average attendance of members, including officers	28.	24.
5 Average amount charged for initiation, not including badge. }	\$1.04.	\$1.04.
6 Average amount charged for yearly dues.	\$1.08.	\$1.08.
7 Amount of money in General Fund.	\$17,855.77.	\$18,212.24.
8 Amount of money in Relief Fund.	\$10,678.18.	\$11,994.56.
9 Amount expended in relief.	\$7,302.33.	\$6,839.86.
10 Estimated value of relief other than money.	\$2,336.60	\$2,179.11.
11 Amount of money turned over to Post.	\$9,967.59.	\$11,150.33.
12 Is the number of Rituals complete?	Yes, 169; No, 4.	Yes, 133; No, 40.
13 Have all reports and dues been forwarded to Department Headquarters? }	Yes, 173.	Yes, 173.
14 Does the Treasurer notify all members in arrears, as required by obligation? }	Yes, 170; No, 3.	Yes, 172; No, 1.
15 Does Corps Treasurer or assistant visit and explain our law to delinquent members? }	Yes, 163; No, 10.	Yes, 166; No, 7.
16 Are all members two quarters in arrears reported suspended? }	Yes, 149; No, 24.	Yes, 141; No, 32.
17 Are Quarterly Relief Reports sent to Post?	Yes, 172.	Yes, 171, No, 2.
18 Do Post and Corps work in harmony?	Yes, 172.	Yes, 173.
19 Did the Corps send a representative to last Department Convention? }	Yes, 163; No, 10.	Yes, 166; No, 7.
20 Did representative make a report of the proceedings of last Department Convention? }	Yes, 163; No, 10.	Yes, 161; No, 12.
A Is the work of the Ritual memorized?	Yes, 169; No, 3.	Yes, 154; No, 19
B Is it otherwise properly performed?	Yes, 165; No, 7.	Yes, 162; No, 11.
C Is the work of the Secretary properly performed and books correct? }	Yes, 172.	Yes, 173.
D Is the work of the Treasurer properly performed and books correct? }	Yes, 172.	Yes, 170; No, 2.
E Do the books of the Secretary and Treasurer show that they have been audited quarterly? }	Yes, 172.	Yes, 172; No, 1.

The following Corps have expended \$200 and over for relief:—

Corps No. 14, Springfield	\$218.26
“ 21, Somerville	309.38
“ 27, Cambridgeport	653.51
“ 29, Lynn	384.25
“ 34, Salem	234.14

The following Corps have expended \$100 and over for relief:—

Corps No. 7, Brockton	\$107.55
“ 11, Worcester	116.62
“ 12, Danvers	125.72
“ 18, Northampton	122.29
“ 28, Boston	124.24
“ 30, Beverly	145.93
“ 38, Holyoke	125.00
“ 42, Ipswich	106.45
“ 68, Dorchester	104.73
“ 72, Milford	152.75
“ 102, Weymouth	171.14
“ 106, Fall River	135.12
“ 120, Taunton	102.37
“ 124, Plymouth	145.47

The following Corps have expended \$50 and over for relief:—

Corps No. 1, Fitchburg	\$98.56
“ 2, Cambridge	54.31
“ 5, Medford,	78.18
“ 8, Middleboro	56.50
“ 10, Chelsea	55.00
“ 20, So. Boston	90.88
“ 25, Waltham	60.17
“ 31, Leominster	63.63
“ 53, New Bedford	58.35
“ 55, Lawrence	77.44
“ 77, Gloucester	63.08
“ 79, Brighton	75.68
“ 82, Athol	83.85
“ 96, Haverhill	63.41
“ 109, Brookline	71.76
“ 119, Manchester	56.25
“ 137, Rockland	61.75
“ 138, Hopkinton	78.25
“ 173, Rockport	56.57

The following Corps have turned over to their Posts \$200 and over:—

Corps No. 3, E. Boston	\$258.75
“ 7, Brockton	300.00

Corps No.	11, Worcester	\$400.00
"	12, Danvers	346.00
"	14, Springfield	212.20
"	27, Cambridgeport	663.22
"	29, Lynn	303.30
"	30, Beverly	303.68
"	34, Salem	1,119.88
"	63, Roxbury	253.00
"	68, Dorchester	283.79
"	82, Athol	247.40
"	108, Abington	335.00
"	123, Avon	212.36

The following Corps have turned over to their Posts \$100 and over:—

Corps No.	23, Marblehead	\$127.67
"	25, Waltham	109.00
"	26, Newburyport	100.00
"	28, Boston	100.00
"	31, Leominster	100.00
"	32, No. Adams	150.00
"	38, Holyoke	125.00
"	39, Charlestown	100.00
"	42, Ipswich	176.95
"	50, Peabody	100.00
"	64, Turners Falls	100.00
"	69, Wakefield	100.00
"	90, Gardner	125.00
"	94, So. Braintree	133.45
"	95, New Bedford	122.33
"	96, Haverhill	125.00
"	97, Lexington	100.00
"	100, Canton	100.00
"	124, Plymouth	110.50
"	128, Reading	110.00
"	136, Whitman	160.00

The following Corps have turned over to their Posts \$50 and over:—

Corps No.	1, Fitchburg	\$50.00
"	8, Middleboro	50.00
"	9, Charlestown	61.25
"	17, Orange	50.00
"	18, Northampton	90.00
"	20, So. Boston	50.00
"	37, Pittsfield	52.00
"	41, Marshfield	50.00
"	47, E. Bridgewater	55.00
"	52, Eastondale	60.00

Corps No.	53, New Bedford	\$95.00
"	57, Greenfield	67.00
"	59, Watertown	50.00
"	60, Hingham	53.00
"	62, W. Acton	60.00
"	65, Stoneham	61.00
"	66, East Cambridge	90.50
"	67, Boston	60.88
"	72, Milford	50.00
"	76, Palmer	50.00
"	77, Gloucester	63.08
"	79, Brighton	75.00
"	80, Westboro	50.00
"	86, Nantucket	50.00
"	102, Weymouth	50.00
"	106, Fall River	76.87
"	127, Andover	50.00
"	134, Cottage City	85.00
"	151, Wareham	75.00
"	155, Williamstown	66.82
"	174 So. Framingham	75.00

The same generous giving of money that has characterized the Order in the past has been continued this year. The total amount expended for relief in money or its equivalent, and money turned over to Posts, amounts to the sum of \$20,169.30. In addition to this amount the Corps contributed for the National Convention Fund the sum of \$5,064.49; and there remains in the General and Relief Funds of the Corps in the Department the magnificent sum of \$30,206.80.

On April 30 it was my delightful privilege to journey with the Department President, Mrs. Warne, to West Brookfield, to assist in the instituting of Alanson Hamilton Relief Corps 168. It was an occasion long to be remembered. Past Department President Mrs. Robinson met us at Worcester; and, with Corps members from Warren and North Brookfield, a successful work was accomplished. Our Instituting Officer, Miss Shute, not being able to get away from her island home in season to go with us, the instituting of the Corps was conducted by Department President Mrs. Warne, and the officers were installed by her at a public installation. Huntington F. Wolcott Corps 147, instituted Dec. 1, 1903, while not during the present administration, must appear in the summary so, as my predecessor's report ends with Aug. 31, 1903, when mine commences.

EXEMPLIFICATIONS.

Several Corps having expressed their desire to exemplify, the arrangements for the exemplifications were made early in March; and sixteen Corps

were selected to perform the work. Mindful of my predecessor's suggestion, "that more exemplifications should be held," I made an effort in this direction, but was not able in the time I had at my command to have but sixteen. On the fifth day of May, in company with the Department President, the tour of exemplifications commenced.

The assignment of places and dates was as follows:—

May 5. Corps 33, Lowell.	May 23. Corps 39, Charlestown.
May 6. Corps 136, Whitman.	May 24. Corps 35, Hyde Park.
May 11. Corps 38, Holyoke.	May 25. Corps 101, Winchendon.
May 12. Corps 125, Spencer.	May 27. Corps 32, No. Adams.
May 13. Corps 72, Milford.	May 31. Corps 20, So. Boston.
May 17. Corps 79, Brighton.	June 7. Corps 120, Taunton.
May 19. Corps 12, Danvers.	June 8. Corps 102, Weymouth.
May 20. Corps 175, Hyannis.	June 10. Corps 42, Ipswich.

Fourteen Corps were not represented at any of the exemplifications, probably most of them because of distance, and yet to divide the districts up would in many cases make the attendance very small; yet I am not sure but what it would be desirable. The largest attendance was at Ipswich, 238 being present. The total number at all the gatherings was 2,466.

Many of the Department officers were present at one or more of the meetings. At Winchendon there were present seventeen members of the Order from New Hampshire, and at Taunton ten from Rhode Island. The work at most of the exemplifications was exceedingly good, and to officers and members my grateful appreciation and thanks are given for their willingness to perform the work; and the praise given them from members present was justly theirs. Feeling that the Corps exemplifying should be fresh for the work assigned them, no request was made that lunch or tea and coffee should be provided; but in many places it was done. And my thanks are extended to those who so generously provided for the Department officers and members of the Order. I think the preparation of a lunch is more than a Corps exemplifying should attempt, and I would offer as a suggestion to any Corps doing the work the plan adopted by one of the Corps this year. The ladies' society of one of the churches in the town furnished the lunch, and all Corps assigned to that place were notified that it could be had for 25 cents; and a delightful affair it was, and the members of the Corps were ready for work in the afternoon.

On my way to and from the exemplifications it was my privilege to drop in on a few of the Corps. At Brockton I arrived at a busy sewing meeting, and stayed to tea with them.

At Wareham and Westminster I attended the regular meetings, and found the work being well done. I trust the exemplifications will be continued, and hope that more of our floor members as well as officers will make an effort to be present; for we need such gatherings to gain inspi-

ration and knowledge of the proper way to do the ritualistic work. Only about one in seven of our membership attended this year.

REPORTS.

When will the Presidents of Corps ever learn the necessity of giving prompt attention to reports, and not go visiting until all are returned to the proper officials?

I was obliged to send my report to the National Inspector, June 30, with three Corps left out; and only by vigorous work on my part was I able to send 170. There is no possible excuse for such a careless disregard of this matter.

NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The fact that the National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps was to meet in Boston this year has made it a busy one for the members of the Order. All Corps that have been able to do so have willingly and generously responded to the call of the National Committee to meet the financial necessities of the work. The amount of money raised was sufficient to meet all expenses; and only words of praise were heard for all that was done for the comfort, convenience, and pleasure of our guests. Corps 39, living under the shadow of Bunker Hill, came in for a full share of entertaining the many who came its way. As Chairman of the Entertainment Committee to act with Post 11 Committee, I found myself a busy woman that week. Open house was kept the entire week of the Convention, and all enjoyed being able to give to the comrades and their friends a jolly time.

INSPECTIONS.

The return of the Assistant Inspectors' reports shows that attention has been given to the details of the ritualistic work and the questions answered conscientiously. In my correspondence with Assistant Inspectors I requested them to have answers to the question, "Is the number of Rituals complete?" given in figures, not yes or no. When Corps have less than fifteen, I have noted that the number of Rituals is not complete. I am at a loss to know how the work of a Corps can be good if each officer does not have a ritual, and study the part appertaining at least to her own especial duties. I desire to extend my thanks to all Assistant Inspectors for their promptness in attending to the duties assigned them, and am greatly indebted to those who have performed extra work at short notice. In many instances the Inspecting Officer has found it necessary to instruct as well as inspect, and I feel sure that in most cases the instructions have been kindly received. I am of the same opinion as some of my predecessors in this office, that it is sometimes wise to send, especially to the small Corps, some one from a distance who is thoroughly posted, and can give

them the benefit of a wider experience in the work than perhaps their next-door neighbor can; and I have in quite a few cases deemed it best to so do.

In the past a small blank, called Form A, has been used to facilitate the work of inspection; and I find it the one thing most needed, that questions requiring time to answer may be ready for the Inspecting Officer. An excellent recommendation was made by the Department Inspector of 1901, adopted by the Convention, but never carried into effect. I, therefore, repeat almost word for word her plan, and make

Recommendation No. 1. "That National Convention be petitioned to authorize a new blank printed, to be known as Form X, a copy of which is herewith submitted, containing all questions necessary to be asked at time of inspection, with instructions how to obtain averages printed on the back of blank. Two copies of this blank shall be sent by Inspecting Officer to the President of the Corps she is to inspect, at least twenty days before such inspection. Corps Secretary and Treasurer shall answer questions on these blanks relating to statistics, and Corps Presidents all other questions, one copy of which must be handed to Inspector at time of inspection, the other filed by Corps Secretary for reference."

Recommendation No. 2. "That, until this Form X is issued by the National Treasurer, the Department Treasurer order a supply printed for use in this Department."

FORM X.

The Inspecting Officer must forward her copy of this blank with Form O to the Department Inspector, who will enclose Form X in Form O from each Corps, and file for reference.

HEADQUARTERS ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

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My dear President: Having been assigned to inspect your Corps, I enclose two copies of this blank containing all questions on Inspection Blank, Form O. The first twelve questions must be answered by your Corps Secretary and Treasurer. The others you must answer personally. Both copies must be promptly and properly filled out, and one copy handed to me at time of inspection. From the other copy you will read your answers when questions are asked, and afterwards file it with Corps Secretary.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

Assistant Department Inspector.

1. Number of regular meetings in the year ending Aug. 31, 1904 . . .
2. Number of members in good standing Aug. 31, 1904
3. Average attendance of Officers for year ending Aug. 31, 1904..

4. Average attendance of Members, including Officers, for year ending Aug. 31, 1904.....
5. Amount charged for Initiation (not including price of badge).. \$
6. Amount charged for yearly dues..... \$
7. Amount of money in General Fund Aug. 31, 1904..... \$
8. Amount of money in the Relief Fund (if none, so report) Aug. 31, 1904..... \$
9. Amount expended for relief for the year ending Aug. 31, 1904. \$
10. Estimated value of relief other than money for year ending Aug. 31, 1904..... \$
11. Amount of money turned over to Post for year ending Aug. 31, 1904..... \$
12. Amount of money expended for patriotic work for year ending Aug. 31, 1904..... \$

The following questions indicate condition of Corps at time of inspection:—

13. Is the number of Rituals complete?
14. Have all Reports and Dues been forwarded to Department Headquarters?
15. Does the Treasurer notify all members in arrears, as required by obligation?
16. Does the "Corps Treasurer or her assistants" visit and explain our laws to delinquent members, as provided in Revised Ritual, page 45?
17. Are all members when two quarters in arrears for dues reported as suspended in Quarterly Reports?
18. Are copies of regular Quarterly Relief Reports sent to the Post?
19. Do the Post and Corps work in harmony?
20. Did the Corps send a representative to last Department Convention?
21. Did the Corps Representative make a report of the proceedings of last Department Convention?

I certify the above answers to be correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Corps President.

The issuing of this blank would largely decrease the Department Inspector's work, as it explains itself, and also decrease the postage bill.

Since the Woman's Relief Corps has taken up patriotic work, a large sum has been expended by the Corps throughout the land, and no credit has been accorded them in reports for the amount spent; and the time may come when we shall greatly regret our inability to give the figures which will tell the story of the work accomplished.

Many Patriotic Instructors have questioned me regarding the matter; and, feeling that the work performed by them should be placed on record, I make

Recommendation No. 3. That the National Convention be petitioned,

when a new issue of Form O is made, that a question to be numbered 12, Amount of money expended for patriotic work for year ending August 31, be inserted, and the rest of the questions be renumbered, and all blanks be made to correspond.

It has been my privilege to inspect many of the Corps, and my visit to our two island Corps was a delight. We who live in close touch to other Corps should see the interest manifested and desire to perform the work well that pervades those Corps, many of the members never having had the opportunity to see the work performed by any other Corps. I wish I might have visited every Corps in the State; for it is a privilege to meet so many women earnest and thoughtful for the welfare of others, and especially those to whom we stand indebted for a united country and the flag we love.

I have been able to accept many invitations to the social gatherings of the Order, and the receptions to Department Officers at Waltham, Brockton, and Milton, were delightful. Was present at the anniversaries of Corps 1, 5, 34, 69, 122, and a guest of my own Corps at its twentieth anniversary. I have accepted the invitations to the County Association days whenever it has been possible, and only regret I could not attend all; for, while at first not a very enthusiastic believer in these associations, I am now fully converted, and believe them to be a source of much benefit and profit to every one who attends. And, as time goes on, the organization will reap more benefit from these meetings than we can now realize.

Have attended all Council meetings and such Committee meetings as have been called in the interests of the Order.

Have had the pleasure of installing the officers of Corps 67 and 128, and was the recipient of gifts from each.

Coming to the work of this office with my time not entirely my own, and with a business which at some seasons of the year taxes me to the utmost, I wondered if it was possible to accomplish the work of Inspector of this great Department with honor to the Department and credit to myself. I have put forth my best efforts for the success of the work, and the kindly consideration I have received everywhere leads me to think I have in some degree met with success. To my employer, Mr. Charles R. Magee, my very sincere thanks are hereby acknowledged for his willingness in giving me the opportunity of accepting this office and the time necessary to attend to the duties. To my associate clerks, thanks are due for assistance in many ways, thus making my office duties lighter. Thanks are due to the members of the Order who, in many ways, have helped to make the work of the year a success, and to those who have entertained me in their homes in my journeyings by the way and during the waits.

I cannot find words to express to my dear friend, the Department President, the thanks due her for my appointment to this office and the honor conferred upon me. We have journeyed pleasantly through the State, and the friendship of many years has been cemented by a bond of love which,

I trust, may grow stronger and brighter as the years go on; and, if now at the close of our work together I have performed the duties of my office to her satisfaction, I am amply repaid for all I have done.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

SARAH L. MECUEN,

Department Inspector.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR.

PITTSFIELD, Feb. 1, 1905.

Miss MARY E. ELLIOT,

Department Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: According to the Rules and Regulations of our Order, I have the honor to submit to you my report as Department Counselor for the year ending Feb. 13, 1905.

My duties as Department Counselor have not been arduous. I have been ready to assist our Department President at all times; and, if in any way I have been of service to her, I am well satisfied. In every way our Department President has rendered wise and just decisions, and has proved herself fully capable of performing all the duties required of her.

While I have been permitted to accept several invitations during the year, many regrets have necessarily been sent on account of the great distance from my home.

It was a great pleasure to me to be able to attend the reception tendered our Department President by her own Corps; also to attend the anniversary of Corps 147 of Milton, where I was a special guest. I have visited Corps as far as I have been able to do, and have received most cordial welcome from all.

I have attended all but one of the Council meetings, have inspected three Corps, and installed the officers of Corps 38, 129, 147, and 149.

As Chairman of the Conference Committee for the National Convention, I attended several meetings, also met with the Executive Committee whenever possible.

I wish to express my appreciation to Corps 147 of Milton for the reception tendered me, and for the beautiful gifts presented, which was too late to be acknowledged in my report of last year; also to Corps 38 of Holyoke for gift received, and to all other Corps who have remembered me in so many kind ways.

To our Department President I wish to extend my thanks for appointing me as a member of her official family during the year just closing. My associations with her have always been the most pleasant and harmonious.

The following decisions have been rendered by the Department President during the year:—

QUESTION 1. Can an officer of the Corps leave her place and take the President's chair, when there are others who are capable of doing so?

OPINION. See Rules and Regulations, Chap. II., Article VIII., Section 2.

QUESTION 2. A member eight years in arrears refuses to send written application for a discharge card, also refuses to pay her dues or return badge. What action should be taken?

OPINION. See Rules and Regulations, Chap. V., Article IV., Section 2.

QUESTION 3. Has a member the right to make a motion that the Corps close without form?

OPINION. No.

QUESTION 4. Has a Corps President the right to vote at the election of officers?

OPINION. Yes.

QUESTION 5. A member dropped for non-payment of dues, after six years she wishes to join a Corps in another town. What will she have to do?

OPINION. See Rules and Regulations, Chap. II., Article IV., Section 5.

QUESTION 6. Has the President of a Corps the right to give the pass-word to members who are six months in arrears?

OPINION. A member six months in arrears should be suspended, according to our Rules and Regulations; and certainly a suspended member has no right to the pass-word.

QUESTION 7. Can the money on hand, when the Corps books are audited, be transferred, or rather placed in the Relief Fund (or a portion of it), without the vote of the Corps, provided such action is taken with the approval of the President?

OPINION. No.

QUESTION 8. Is it obligatory to call a Past President by her title when she is the maker of a motion, or spoken to at any time during the meeting?

OPINION. See Chap. V., Article XIII.

QUESTION 9. Can a candidate be proposed, Investigating Committee appointed, balloted for, and initiated the same meeting?

OPINION. No.

QUESTION 10. Can a transfer card be presented, reported upon, balloted for, and transferred the same evening?

OPINION. No, it must take the same course as a new application.

QUESTION 11. Can time allowed on an application be extended?

OPINION. By dispensation from Department President. See Rules and Regulations, Chap. II., Article II., Section 7.

QUESTION 12. Must all members be notified of the election of officers?

OPINION. No.

QUESTION 13. Who should read the Treasurer's Quarterly Report?

OPINION. Chairman of the Auditing Committee.

QUESTION 14. Does not the President read the Quarterly Report of "Relief" the same as is sent to the Post?

OPINION. Yes.

QUESTION 15. Is it required that the Secretary shall read requests for transfer and discharge cards at inspection?

OPINION. Yes, in order to exemplify the work.

QUESTION 16. In calling the roll of officers, when should the Press Correspondent and Patriotic Instructor's names be read?

OPINION. Consult Ritual of 1904.

QUESTION 17. If a member pays her dues, returns her badge, and asks for an honorable discharge, must it lay over until the next meeting before the President can grant it, or is any action necessary by the Corps?

OPINION. See Rules and Regulations, Chap. II., Article IV., Section 5.

QUESTION 18. Should all reports be acted upon as read or not, until all are read, and they are in the hands of the President?

OPINION. Acted upon as read.

QUESTION 19. If a member is living in another Department, and holds a visiting card from her Corps, does it entitle her to receive the pass-word at the Corps where she is visiting?

OPINION. No.

QUESTION 20. Can a candidate be balloted for and initiated at the same meeting?

OPINION. There is no law against it.

QUESTION 21. Can a candidate be balloted for and initiated at a special meeting?

OPINION. See Rules and Regulations, Chap. II., Article II., Section 7.

QUESTION 22. Is a dispensation necessary from the Department President for the President of a Corps to give the pass-word to a visiting member, who has a letter from her own Corps President requesting the President of the Corps she is visiting to do so?

OPINION. No.

QUESTION 23. Does the Senior Vice-President in the absence of the President approve bills which must be paid at once?

OPINION. She does.

QUESTION 24. Is it obligatory for Corps to observe memorial services for the marines?

OPINION. It was the decision of the Nineteenth National Convention "that Corps adjacent to large streams or bodies of water strew floral tributes on the waters on Memorial Day, in memory of our sailor-soldier dead, *providing* that it does not seriously conflict with ceremonies of other patriotic organizations."

QUESTION 25. Is it necessary for Executive Committee to have the

approval of Corps before making plans and engagements by which to raise money, provided they have the approval of the President?

OPINION. See Rules and Regulations, Chap. II., Article VIII., Section 12.

QUESTION 26. Shall the Press Correspondent deposit her ballot as the Secretary and Musician do, or shall she vote the same as the Treasurer? If the latter, what position shall she take in the line of march?

OPINION. See diagram of ballot in Ritual.

QUESTION 27. Can we assist from our Relief Fund the needy daughter of a veteran?

OPINION. See Chap. I., Article II., Section 2.

QUESTION 28. Has a member the right to discuss Corps matters with those not members of our Order?

OPINION. See Rules and Regulations, Chap. V., Article VIII., Section 2.

QUESTION 29. Can money given to Patriotic Instructor for her work be used by her without being placed in the Corps treasury?

OPINION. In order that the Corps may have the credit due them, all money must go through the hands of the Treasurer.

QUESTION 30. Should the Treasurer of the Executive Committee or the Chairman pay the bills?

OPINION. If the Corps voted to give the Executive Committee full power, it would naturally be the duty of the Treasurer of that Committee to pay the bills *after* the approval of the Chairman.

In closing this my report as Department Counsellor, I fully realize that I must now sever the relations which have been so pleasant to me during all the time which I have served as a Department officer.

I have made many true friends, and shall keep them all in kindly remembrance, and shall continue, wherever I am, to work for the best interest of our Order.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

CLARA H. B. EVANS,

Department Counselor.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICER.

EDGARTOWN, Feb. 1, 1905.

Miss MARY E. ELLIOT,

Department Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: In accordance with the Rules and Regulations of our Order, and of my duties as Instituting and Installing Officer, I have the honor to render the following report. Early in the year I received from the National Instituting and Installing Officer, Jennie B. Atwood, Circular Letter No. 1, which at her suggestion I forwarded, with a personal letter, to Commanders of Posts having no Auxiliary Corps. It is with pleasure I report the instituting, by Annie M. Warne, Department President, of one new Corps, on April 30, at West Brookfield, with twenty-two charter members, to be known as Alanson Hamilton Corps No. 168. The work of installation was performed by the following Department Officers and members of the Order:—

Annie M. Warne, Department President, 1, 2, 25, 44, 45, 61, 80, 90, 97, 126, 138, 157, 168 when instituted	
Harriett A. Ralph, Department Senior Vice-President, 14, 21, 40, 66, 78, 174, 168, 84	
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Lucy A. Hale	48, 64
S. R. Richardson	65
Lucy M. Keith	70
Eliza G. Pratt	71
Hallie E. Whitney	75
Abbie J. Lawton	76
Mary E. Jennings	168
Helen M. Houghton	110
Orville W. Prouty	116
Lucy M. Bump	130

Ellen F. Madson	135
Helen A. Tower	144
Past Commander William H. Shaw	158
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Lucy A. Hale	167
Lucy C. Howland	146
Elsie L. Nourse	150
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Nellie F. Mecuen	172
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Carrie S. L. Bagley	131
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Susan L. Russell	56
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Past Commander Andrew Snow	159
Past Commander J. F. Murphy	86
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Number of Installations Public and Joint with Posts and Sons of Veterans	25
Number of Installations Public and Joint with Posts and Daughters of Veterans	2
Number of Installations Public and Joint with Posts and Sons and Daughters of Veterans	2
Number of Installations Public and Joint with Sons of Veterans	1
Number of Installations Public	26
Number of Installations Private	21
Total	173

JAN. 24, 1905.

I have attended two Council meetings, also exemplifications at Taunton, Weymouth, and Ipswich. It is a matter of regret to me that I have been unable to accept the many invitations to the social gatherings, but have done so whenever possible, and would thank all who so kindly remembered me. My associations with the Department officers have been very

pleasant, and I thank them for their cordial greetings and kind words to me during my year with them. And to my friend and Department President my sincere thanks for her confidence in me, shown by my appointment as one of her official staff; and I assure her I appreciate the honor conferred upon me, and her words of encouragement have made the year one long to be remembered.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

HATTIE L. SHUTE,

Department I. and I. Officer.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

SOUTH WEYMOUTH, Feb. 1, 1905.

Miss MARY E. ELLIOT,

Department Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: In accordance with my duty as Department Patriotic Instructor, I have the honor to submit the following report of the patriotic work of our Department for 1904.

The following Circular Letter, printed herewith, was issued and sent to every Corps soon after my appointment:—

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
290 PLEASANT ST., SO. WEYMOUTH, MASS., March 12, 1904.

CIRCULAR LETTER,
No. 1.

To Corps Presidents and Corps Patriotic Instructors:

I fully appreciate the honor conferred upon me in my appointment as Department Patriotic Instructor, and realize with honors come responsibilities.

It is my earnest desire the patriotic work shall be a great work of our Order this year, for never was there more need of the work than now, when all over our land, even in the country villages, are the schools filling with foreign children, who should be taught the *right* interpretation of "Liberty and justice for all!"

There is no better way of inculcating lessons of patriotism than to create respect for the flag and all it represents.

The children of to-day are the citizens of to-morrow, and among the children can we do our most telling work.

Remember, no work can be done in our schools without first consulting the school authorities. Let them know you are earnestly interested in the children, and get their advice as to what can best be done.

See that a flag is placed in each room, if nothing besides can be done.

The Declaration of Independence, charts, and the oleograph of the Stars and Stripes may be presented to schools already supplied with flags, and will be interesting and instructive. These may be obtained from the Department Treasurer, through your Corps Treasurer.

Humane teaching has been indorsed and made a part of our Patriotic Instruction. Free leaflets on this work and information regarding the formation of "Bands of Mercy" may be had upon application to George T. Angell, 19 Milk Street, Boston.

In accordance with the action of the Twenty-first National Convention "Peace and Arbitration Day" will be observed on or about May 18.

Patriotic Instructors are reminded it is their duty to encourage the general observance of national anniversaries and Flag Day.

Special days for observance are:—

- Jan. 29. Birthday of William McKinley.
- Feb. 12. Birthday of Abraham Lincoln.
- Feb. 22. Birthday of George Washington.
- April 19. Patriots' Day.
- May 18. Peace and Arbitration Day.
- May 30. Memorial Day.
- June 14. Flag Day.
- July 27. Woman's Relief Corps Day.
- Oct. 1, or first Sunday in October, Citizens' Sunday.

I would suggest that Corps Instructors invite the local clergymen to assist in the observance of Citizens' Sunday by having the churches decorated with flags and bunting, and the whole service pertain to patriotism.

In accordance with decision number ten of the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention, the Department Patriotic Instructor, with the advice and consent of the Department President, will meet the Corps Instructors at the several county conventions.

The Patriotic Instructor of each Corps will please notify, in writing, the Department Patriotic Instructor of the date and place of meeting of said convention.

Flag Salute leaflets and programmes for Memorial and Flag Days will be furnished Corps Instructors upon application.

Will each Corps Instructor send me her address and that of her assistant or assistants as soon as possible?

With this Circular I send two copies of Form V. which are to be filled out, and one copy returned to Department Patriotic Instructor not later than July 10 and one copy filed with the Secretary of the Corps.

(Send earlier than July 10, if you can.)

Please send, with your report, a short letter, telling what has been accomplished in patriotic work in your locality, and any item of interest you think would help other Corps, thus helping in the complete report to the National Patriotic Instructor.

Any assistance I can render at any time will be most cheerfully given.

I ask your hearty co-operation in this great work of our Order, as only by unity of action can we accomplish great things.

Sincerely yours in F., C., and L.,

MARY E. HOLBROOKE,

Department Patriotic Instructor.

Approved.

ANNIE M. WARNE,

Department President.

MARY E. ELLIOT,

Department Secretary.

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TABULATED REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, W.R.C.,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1904.

No. of Corps.	Corps Patriotic Instructor.	Location.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Number of Schools in Department.	Number of Schools visited.	Number of School-rooms in which W.R.C. has placed a flag.	Number of Schools that hoist the flag during school hours.	Number of School-rooms in which W.R.C. has placed the Dec. of Independence Chart.	Number of School-rooms in which W.R.C. has placed the flag.	Number of School-rooms in which W.R.C. has placed the Patriotic Primer.	How many Flag Salute Leaflets sent Corps Patriotic Instructors.	Number of Towns or Cities observing National Anniversaries.	Number of Towns or Cities observing W.R.C. direction of the W.R.C.	Number of Towns or Cities observing Flag Day (June 14).	No. of Towns or Cities where anything has been done by W.R.C. for Humane Teaching.	How many Leaflets on Humane Teaching distributed?	How many "Bands of Mercy" formed?	How many Corps observed Peace and Arbitration Day, May 18?	
160	Mabel E. Patten.	Woburn	14	4		14				69	1		1					
161																		
162																		
163																		
164	Nellie M. Chamberlain.	Northfield.	4	3		1					1		1					
165																		
166	Maria H. Reynolds.	S. Deerfield.	14		1	1				1	1	1	1		12			1
167																		
168	Ruth S. Josselyn.	Bridgewater	19	19	19				12		1		1					
169																		
170	Abbie E. Merritt.	Ashburnham	12	12	12	12			6	12	1		1				6	1
171	Sarah K. Homer.	Malden	20	2		20							1					
172	Cora E. Breene.	Rockport	20	1		3					1		1					
173																		
174	Elizabeth E. Hayward.	S. Framingham	48		4	48												
175																		
	Totals.		3691	1234	1153	2194	261	397	1140	1732	133	62	14	128	1	717	90	42

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF CORPS PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS.

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- 1, Fitchburg, Mary E. Cushing. National anniversaries are observed, also Flag Day. Patriotic exercises are held in most of the schools.
- 2, Cambridge, Cappilia M. Ladd. The superintendent of schools is willing to assist the Corps, and very enthusiastic over the oleograph that was presented him. The Rev. Father of a parochial school was equally pleased with one presented him. Past Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Shute addressed the school children, and presented each child with a flag. The parents in the Corps have made frequent visits to the schools.
- 3, East Boston, Maude Wilder. Interesting entertainments of a patriotic nature have been given for the children, they taking prominent parts with flags.
- 4, Georgetown, Emily A. Wadleigh. Owing to illness, the preparations for Flag Day could not be observed. Patriotic work is carried out carefully and enthusiastically in the schools, and patriotism is being taught in its highest sense.
- 5, Medford, M. Susan Goodale. One of the oldest, most historic cities of the Union, never lukewarm in the line of patriotism. The spirit the same to-day as of old. Teachers are fully alive to their duty, and in some schools the flag is revered, owing to the lessons inculcated. Flag Day in a school, the children painted the flag in water colors on cardboard. The pictures were passed around for correction; and if, by any chance, a star was missing, the pupil was made to feel that an act of treason had been committed. The drawings were taken home by the pupils, and in this way whole families were benefited. Corps 5 hopes to be instrumental in replacing worn flags on school buildings.
- 6, Holliston, Helen A. Andrews. Have placed four flags in four lowest grades, and hope to continue doing so until all the schools have a flag inside as well as out. Citizens' Sunday was observed by an excellent service. All other anniversaries observed.
- 7, Brockton, Alice M. Goddard. Twenty-seven silk flags were presented, one to each school, excepting the high, which was presented with a beautifully framed oleograph, the whole costing \$52. The principals of the various schools are very patriotic, and are a great help in our work. Children are not behind in the patriotic work, taking part in all the patriotic entertainments. Memorial Day, children take part in the service at the cemetery, and the high-school boys march with the Post, and take dinner with them.

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- 8, Middleboro, Lizzie E. Sampson. Schools are furnished with flags and primers. Visited fifteen schools, and sent delegates to others. Flag Day and other anniversaries are observed by children's festivals in our hall, the children taking part in the entertainment. Bands of Mercy are doing good work. Oleographs and charts are to be presented to the schools.
- 9, Charlestown, Martha V. Orne. Patriots' Day we held a fair in the afternoon and concert in the evening. Arbitration Day we observed with a concert and ball. Memorial Day we took thirty children on board the United States steamship *Constitution*, holding services for those who died at sea. In the evening the same children took part in the service for the Unknown Dead. Flag Day an entertainment and flag drill, and served a collation to all present.
- 10, Chelsea, Lizzie S. Venables. We observed Washington's Birthday in the Corps, with patriotic readings and singing and Salute to the Flag. Sunday preceding Patriots' Day the Post, Corps, and Camp were invited to an inspiring service at the Universalist Church. The Corps observed Citizens' Sunday by attending a church service, the Instructor going as guest of the Camp to a service at the Soldiers' Home in memory of those who had passed away during the year. A never-to-be-forgotten service.
- 11, Worcester, Anna H. Burbank. Feel very proud of the patriotism manifested by the city Flag Day. Mayor Blodgett issued a proclamation urging its observance, the first, we believe, ever issued by a mayor. The celebration was in charge of the Corps, and was so marked in simplicity, but deep in sentiment, that it takes a unique place in the celebration of the year. The children in the schools had exercises that tended to foster a love for the flag and a patriotic spirit. Four hundred people gathered in G.A.R. Hall, and listened to patriotic addresses and songs. Patriotism was aroused by the quiet and reverential spirit shown and the significance of Flag Day.
- 12, Danvers, Mary F. Hawkes. Four framed oleographs have been presented to the schools. National anniversaries and Flag Day are observed with appropriate services.
- 13, Norwell, Ellie J. Shaw. Schools have been visited, and national anniversaries, Citizens' Sunday, and Flag Day are observed.
- 14, Springfield, Ella M. Averill. Flags are in all the schools. Patriots' Day was observed by a children's matinée in G.A.R. Hall, Flag Day by holding a lawn party, Relief Corps Day by holding a picnic.
- 15, Ashland, Maria E. Ball. Schools are visited. National anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.

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- 16, Melrose, Martha J. Ellis. Visited schools, and find good patriotic work done. Flags on every school building, excepting the high, and that from a staff in the yard. The boy standing highest in his lessons has the honor of furling the flag at the opening of school. Flag Day is very generally observed.
- 17, Orange, Mary J. Shattuck. Flags and Patriotic Primers are in all the schools. The national anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 19, Amesbury, Annie A. Elkins. National anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 20, South Boston, Lue Stuart Wadsworth. Schools have been visited. One hundred and ten flags have been placed in the schools, twenty-seven primers, fourteen oleographs, and twelve charts. National anniversaries, Flag Day, and Citizens' Sunday are observed. Peace and Arbitration Day is also observed.
- 21, Somerville, Etta S. Paine. G.A.R., W.R.C., S. of V., and D. of V. united in observing Washington's Birthday. National anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 22, Westfield, Frances J. Lee. Patriotic instruction has been a help socially and financially. Have visited every school building. Sent Flag Salutes to neighboring towns where there were no Corps. Members visited schools for the memorial exercises. Thirty-six children participated in Memorial Day exercises. A service for our Soldier-Sailor Dead was prepared, but a violent shower broke up the arrangement. Programme arranged for Flag Day. The work has been greatly enjoyed.
- 23, Marblehead, Margaret F. Goodwin. National anniversaries are observed. Our schools are very enthusiastic in regard to promoting patriotism, and we find no difficulty in doing our work.
- 24, Merrimack, Elizabeth W. Smart. All public schools have been provided with flags, also the Whittier Home School. A contest was held under the direction of Corps 24, and a prize awarded for the best original essay on the history of the flag. The children are impressed with the idea they are needed to successfully carry out the Memorial Day work; and the baskets filled with "God's flowers" gathered by the children from hillside and field are an impressive feature of our work. In May a penny collection was taken in the schools, with which a bunch of carnations were purchased, tied with ribbon, and May 30 sent to the cemetery, marked "In loving remembrance of Major McKinley."
- 25, Waltham, Sara E. Monroe. Schools supplied with Patriotic Primers. National anniversaries are observed, also Flag Day and Citizens' Sunday. The Instructor addressed the children, four hundred in number, at the Memorial Day exercises.

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- 26, Newburyport, Sarah Y. Rose. Visited the schools. Presented one with a flag. All anniversaries, Flag, Peace and Arbitration Day, are observed.
- 27, Cambridge, Marietta A. Cook. Schools are visited. National anniversaries and Flag Day are observed. The Cambridge schools are right up to date in patriotic work. Have presented flags, oleograph, primer, and several dozen small flags to the kindergartens.
- 28, Boston, Olive M. Long. Have visited the schools. In all the schools the Salute to the Flag is given, and all raise the flag, weather permitting. The Declaration of Independence was placed in the Everett School. Oleographs presented to Quincy and Brimmer Schools, one sent to Honolulu, and one to Post 7, G.A.R. National anniversaries were observed by patriotic entertainments. Flag Day was observed by all members displaying flags in their windows.
- 29, Lynn, Villie Hitchings. Schools have been visited. Oleographs have been generously given. National anniversaries and Flag Day are observed in all the schoolrooms. McKinley Day the children were adorned with carnation pinks, presenting a pretty picture. Flowers for decorating the graves Memorial Day are contributed by the pupils, and they sing patriotic songs at the public exercises May 30 and June 17. From a patriotic standpoint, superintendent, principals, teachers, and pupils of the Lynn public schools, also of the parochial schools, display characteristics that contribute to the belief that they will always be loyal to their country and their flag.
- 30, Beverly, Martha M. Hammond. Schools are visited, national anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 31, Leominster, Mrs. Alma M. Clapp. All school buildings have flags, and give the Flag Salute.
- 32, North Adams, Josephine A. Burdick. Have visited school and presented an oleograph. Flag Day and national anniversaries are observed.
- 33, Lowell, Mrs. Louise H. Blood. Flag Day was observed with appropriate exercises given by the Corps. A Salute to the Flag opened the exercises. "Star-spangled Banner" was sung and pantomimed. The origin of the flag was given. Flag-calls on the bugle, an illustration on the flags of different nations, flag drill, recitation, "Why do I wear this Badge?" "Rally round the Flag" was sung, and illustrated by tableaux. "America" was sung, and "Taps" was bugled.
- 34, Salem, Eliza S. Allard. Schools visited. National anniversaries and Flag Day observed.

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- 35, Hyde Park, Mrs. Ella Long. Flags are to be placed in all the school-rooms. The anniversaries, Flag Day, and Citizens' Sunday are appropriately observed.
- 36, Shrewsbury, Sarah A. Waters.
- 37, Pittsfield, Lydia E. Henry. More patriotic work has been accomplished this year than ever before. Flags, primers, oleographs, besides a large number of Salutes to the Flag, have been presented to the schools, principally in the rural districts, where I find them much appreciated. Father Boyle of the parochial school was so delighted with the flag presented there, he gave me \$5 to help in the work; and the teachers are very enthusiastic over the Patriotic Primer. An interesting exercise was given before Memorial Day by fifty children, the exercises being mostly from the primer. A framed oleograph was placed in the Public Library reading-room, also one in the Y.M.C.A. building. In my visits to the schools many pleasing incidents have occurred, and great interest is manifested by teachers and pupils.
- 58, Holyoke, Katherine Duffey. Have presented primers, oleographs, and leaflets, and at all the schools have been received kindly, and the teachers were enthusiastic in the work. All the schools have the flag hoisted every day. Flag Salute is given. Patriotic anniversaries are always observed, in many of the schools is the chart, also fine pictures of our dead heroes, which alone would inspire patriotism in the child heart. The love of patriotism is as well taught as we could wish.
- 39, Charlestown, Martha A. Emmart. Oleographs have been presented to all the schools, also to Post 11, G.A.R. Leaflets have been distributed to the teachers. Patriotic entertainments are given, to which the Post and Camp are invited.
- 40, Everett, Katherine A. Smith. Have placed flags in schoolrooms, also the Patriotic Primers. Anniversaries and Flag Day are observed, and hope to have Citizens' Sunday.
- 41, Foxboro, Addie Jewett Bemis. Schools are visited. Anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 42, Ipswich, Anna F. Nichols. We are doing what we can for patriotism. A framed oleograph we have placed in the Public Library, and a book recommended by Representative Schofield in the school libraries.
- 43, Arlington, Carolyn R. Morse. The schools are supplied with flags, and a silk flag has been presented to the Post.
- 45, Attleboro, Minnie Moore. All of the schools have been visited. Anniversaries, Flag Day, and Citizens' Sunday are observed.

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- 46, Saugus, Ellen R. Ford. Flags have been presented to the schools, and anniversaries, Flag Day, and Citizens' Sunday are observed.
- 49, Ayer, Lucy S. Richardson. Sickness and death prevented the carrying out well-laid patriotic plans, which are to be carried out later.
- 50, Peabody, S. E. Beckett. National anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 51, Provincetown, Louise S. Gaylord. Schools have been visited. Anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 52, Eastondale, Ellen F. Thayer. National anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 53, New Bedford, Mrs. Ann Briden. Corps 53 is doing good work, and all in their power to help me to promote patriotism in our schools. Memorial Day three hundred children gathered around the mound for the Unknown Dead, where they placed flowers, gave the Flag Salute, and sang "America." A boy and girl represented the army and navy, standing on either side of the mound with their flags.
- 54, Walpole, Martha M. Allen. Our superintendent of schools and teachers are interested in patriotic and humane teaching, so the Corps has little to do in that line. At my suggestion, McKinley Day was observed.
- 56, Shelburne Falls, Laura P. Green. Our superintendent of schools is a G.A.R. man, and doing all he thinks necessary in patriotic education.
- 57, Greenfield, Lina G. Horton. The scholars of Greenfield are taught to reverence the flag. The important days in the history of our nation are observed by appropriate exercises in the schoolrooms and raising the flag on the building. The children have done fine work in the drawing and painting of the flag. Portraits of President McKinley are hung in some of the rooms, and the scholars are taught of his noble life. Our teacher said, when given the preference, the one boy invariably asked that "America" be sung at the close of school.
- 59, Watertown, Alice A. Blythe. Presented a flag to a new schoolroom, where the teacher had prepared an entertainment. The children sang patriotic songs, recited about the flag, and saluted the flag. Flag Day was observed by an entertainment, with tableaux representing The Minute-man and the Goddess of Liberty, with eight girls in white grouped around her, a flag drill and reception of colors, with twenty-five young girls.
- 61, Mansfield, Emma Roberts. Oleographs are to be placed in the schools. Anniversaries, Flag Day, and Citizens' Sunday are observed with appropriate services.

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- 62, West Acton, Nellie H. Knowlton. Friday before Memorial Day is observed in all the schools by patriotic recitations and addresses by members of Post and Corps.
- 63, Roxbury, Emma A. Burrell. Schools are visited, anniversaries, Flag Day, and Citizens' Sunday appropriately remembered.
- 64, Turners Falls, Emma Barton. All the schools have been visited. Have placed the flag in most of them, as we have the chart and oleograph. Anniversaries and Flag Day are fittingly observed.
- 65, Stoneham, Sadie D. Cooley. Flags have been placed in the school-rooms, and the schools have been visited. Anniversaries, Flag Day, and Citizen' Sunday are observed.
- 66, East Cambridge, Celestine Altmiller. Have visited all the schools. Anniversaries, Flag Day, and Citizens' Sunday observed.
- 67, Boston, Sadie M. Smith. Have placed flags and Patriotic Primers in some of the schools. Anniversaries, Flag Day, and Citizens' Sunday are observed.
- 68, Dorchester, Susie F. Burton. Have placed charts, oleographs, and flags in some of them. The anniversaries, Flag Day, and Citizens' Sunday are observed.
- 70, Warren, Mary E. Jennings. We observed all the national anniversaries in the schools. The superintendent is willing we should visit the schools in the interest of patriotism any time. An interesting contest was held Washington's Birthday between the three eighth grades, and a prize was given on the best essay on the life of Washington. The prize was a book on the Lives of the Presidents, from Washington to Roosevelt. Flag Day, flags from 1628 to now were represented by girls. The Corps made the flags. The Corps Patriotic Instructor gave an account of the Baron De Hirsch School for Immigrants, followed by singing and speaking, and ended with a flag drill by sixteen young ladies. A silk flag was presented to the three eighth grades Washington's Birthday. We have an oleograph to present to one school, and hope to place flags in all. I am thoroughly interested in the work. It is grand.
- 71, Southbridge, Fannie Aldrich. Flags have been placed in some of the schools. Anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 72, Milford, Mary J. Morgan. We observed McKinley Day by wearing his favorite flower, pins, and our badges. Wrote an article for the paper, calling attention to the day, and asking the citizens to observe it in some way. Many merchants placed his picture in their window. One had bouquets of carnations on each side, which delighted hundreds of school children. Washington and Lincoln's Birthdays were observed together. Patriots' Day each member

was requested to write an article on a patriot of some war. Memorial and Flag Days were befittingly carried out. An enjoyable feature of my work was watching the maturing of vegetable seeds given to the children, who wrote to Senator Powers, asking for seed, which he sent them, and giving a description of their success, and asking for more. In this way the homes were reached, and the seeds of patriotism sown in the homes of foreigners. Peace and Arbitration Day was observed by members representing the different countries who were represented at The Hague Tribunal. Each dressed to represent a country.

- 73, Northboro, Miss Ada L. Harrington. Schools have been visited, flags and primers have been presented. National anniversaries are observed.
- 74, Plainville, Harriet N. Blake. Our work has been for a soldiers' monument, in which children and parents have helped. Flag Day was observed by an entertainment, and each person present received a flag. Over three hundred were distributed.
- 75, Lowell, Lizzie W. Wurthen. Peace and Arbitration Day was observed with appropriate exercises. All patriotic organizations were invited. Flag Day was observed Sunday, June 19, in the Methodist church. A fine programme was rendered. One hundred and twenty small flags were presented to the children, who took part in the exercises by singing "The Star-spangled Banner."
- 76, Palmer, Edith A. Clark. We are to place an oleograph and primer in each of our schools this year.
- 77, Gloucester, M. Lizzie Andrews. The superintendent of schools is a very patriotic man, and thinks the city does all that is necessary in that direction. The principal of the high school is a veteran of the War of the Rebellion.
- 78, Norwood, Mrs. Eugenia Nutting. National Anniversaries and Flag Day are observed, schools are visited, and humane work is carried on.
- 79, Brighton, Emma Collier. Perhaps no gift made by the W.R.C. this past year has been more appreciated than the silk flag presented to the Harvard Primary School. Every one of the two hundred children lovingly call it "Our Flag," and each room is proud to possess it from week to week. It not only has helped the patriotic enthusiasm, but less tardiness; for the class having the fewest tardy marks has it for the next week. The visit of the Corps members at the presentation will long be remembered, and they are spoken of as the good ladies who gave us our flag. Patriotism is the watchword of that school. National anniversaries are observed in original and interesting ways. Flag Day was observed by Post,

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Corps, and Camp with appropriate exercises; and the Corps presented the Post with two silk flags, the Stars and Stripes and Union Jack. Flags and oleographs have been presented to the schools.

- 81, Belchertown, Olive Foskit. Flag, primer, and leaflets have been placed in the schools. National anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 82, Athol, Lucy A. Thompson. Oleographs have been placed in some of the schools, and much appreciated by teachers and scholars. Leaflets have been distributed, Peace and Arbitration Days observed, Flag Day by a supper and entertainment, the reception of the colors, flag drill, and readings.
- 83, Groton, Annie L. Gilson. Schools have been visited, and flags placed in nearly all, also primers. Flag Day and national anniversaries are observed.
- 84, Woburn, Sarah A. Woodside. One member of this Corps refused to send her grandson to school where patriotism was not taught and the flag was used as a plaything. Superintendent and truant officers threatened to fine her, but she still refused. They threatened several times, with the same result. Finally, a member of the school board called, and promised the flag should be raised and patriotism taught. In visiting the school the next day, she found the primer in use, the Flag Salute given, and everything going finely.
- 85, Needham, Eliza Horrocks. Have visited schools. National anniversaries are observed.
- 87, Groveland. Have visited the schools and presented flags. Patriotic entertainments are held under the direction of the W.R.C. Anniversaries are observed, as are Citizens' Sunday and Flag Day.
- 89, Franklin, Annabel Lewis Woodward. Have visited the schools and presented charts, a flag, and Flag Salute leaflets.
- 90, Gardner, Almira E. Pierce. Have presented framed oleographs to some schools, and seven hundred children with small flags for Flag Day, also forty small flags to new schoolroom for decoration. Citizens' Sunday the Corps was invited to the Baptist church. McKinley Day was observed by a gathering at G.A.R. Hall. The memorial exercises in the schools were well attended by Post and Corps. Some of the schools had Flag Day exercises.
- 92, Montague, Irville A. Burnham. The special days for Washington, Lincoln, McKinley, Patriots' Day, Peace and Arbitration Days, were observed. Memorial Day services for the schools were observed, scholars, teachers, committee, G.A.R., W.R.C., S. of V., and citizens participating, and one hundred and forty-four small flags were presented.

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- 93, Beverly Farms, Alice L. Preston. At the exercises in the schools preceding Memorial Day, flags were presented to the lower grades. The exercises showed great patriotic earnestness of teachers and scholars. Flag Day an entertainment in the evening, consisting of salutes, singing, recitations, etc., was participated in by teachers and about sixty school children. Chart and oleographs are to be presented. McKinley and Patriots' Days were observed with befitting exercises. The school children collected and sold old rubbers, the proceeds going toward flowers for Memorial Day. Citizens' Sunday was observed.
- 94, South Braintree, Sarah L. French. National anniversaries, Citizens' Sunday, and Flag Day are observed.
- 95, New Bedford, Lydia A. Kempton. Memorial Day exercises were interesting in our schools. The Flag Salute is given once a week in our schools. National anniversaries are observed, some by music and recitations, while others write compositions on the subject of the day.
- 96, Haverhill, Sarah M. Bachelder. Schools are visited, and anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 97, Lexington, Amy L. Morse. Schools are visited. Patriotic Primers and leaflets have been placed in the schools.
- 98, Conway, Mattie A. Dill. Few in numbers, and most of us over sixty years of age, but hearts in the work we are unable to accomplish. Attended Memorial services at the schools. Presented flags and leaflets. National anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 99, Stoughton, J. F. Barlow. Have presented the high school with a large flag, and hope to put them into all the schools soon.
- 101, Winchendon, Susan S. M. Piper. Schools visited, anniversaries and Flag Days observed. Flags have been placed in all the schools.
- 102, Weymouth, Mary E. Holbrooke. We have placed oleographs and charts in every school building in the town, a bunting flag in every schoolroom, excepting the high school, which [we presented with a beautiful silk flag, in keeping with the fine building, and many works of art presented by the alumni. A flag was also presented to the Young People's Christian Temperance Association.* The Corps Patriotic Instructor devoted the whole week preceding Memorial Day to the schools, where the teachers kindly gave her the time to tell the children a little about the day, the veteran, and the flag. The pastors of the various churches observed Citizens' Sunday, at the request of the Instructor and her assistants, the sermons, music, and decorations being in keeping with the day,

* A flag was presented a family leaving town to live in South America for five years.

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- and in many instances the children taking the prominent part. Patriotic Primers have been placed in every schoolroom also. Anniversaries, Flag, Peace and Arbitration Days, are observed fittingly.
- 103, Quincy, Eliza A. Penniman. We have placed oleographs in all the public schools in our city, which are much appreciated by superintendent, teachers, and scholars. The children of Quincy are very patriotic. Anniversaries, Flag Day, and Peace and Arbitration Day were observed, to which Post and Ladies' Aid were invited. In one of the schools, if a scholar passes away, the flag is half-mast, and his desk draped with flag and flowers.
- 105, Upton, Miss Myrtice S. King. Schools are visited. Flags, charts, primers, and leaflets have been placed in them. Anniversaries and Flag Day and Citizens' Sunday are observed.
- 106, Fall River, Louise F. Connelly. Schools are visited. Primers have been placed in every schoolroom. Charts have been placed in the schools. Anniversaries, Peace and Arbitration and Flag Days, are observed. On Lexington Day we presented the Boys' Club, with a membership of fourteen hundred, with a beautiful silk flag.
- 107, West Medway. Schools are visited. We have placed a flag in every school. Flag Day is observed.
- 108, Abington, Nellie A. Nash. Schools are visited, National anniversaries are observed.
- 109, Brookline, Ida Aechtler. All our children are being taught patriotism. Memorial Day exercises are held in the schools. The superintendent of schools has placed printed cards in every room, stating days and dates when our flag shall float.
- 110, Randolph, Helen M. Houghton. Schools are regularly visited. Flags, charts, oleographs, primers, and leaflets have been well distributed. Citizens' Sunday, anniversaries, and Flag Day are observed.
- 111, Pembroke, Mrs. Helen R. Lewis. Schools are visited. Chart, oleograph, and primers have been placed in the schools. Anniversaries, Flag, and Peace and Arbitration Days and Citizens' Sunday are observed.
- 112, Templeton, Gertrude M. Curtis. National anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 113, Westminster, Katherine T. Dutton. Patriotic Instructor and Military Instructor of the Post arranged a social evening to observe the birthdays of Washington, Lincoln, and McKinley. Patriots' Day was observed with an entertainment, Peace and Arbitration Day with the reading of a paper on the International Peace Conference. May 27 we held a union memorial service of the schools, Post, Corps, and Camp, having a fine programme. Eighty children partici-

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pated in the Memorial Day services and the supper following. A successful entertainment was given Flag Day. A flag drill was given by the girls, and a reception to colors by boys. Fifty children took part in the entertainment. The Corps entertained them with ice-cream and cake. Was present at two teachers' meetings, and distributed Flag Salutes, and had a pleasant talk on patriotism, in which I have the hearty co-operation of school committee and teachers.

- 114, Essex, Nancy C. Andrews. Schools are visited. Charts, oleographs, and primers have been placed in every school in town. Citizens' Sunday, anniversaries, Flag, Peace and Arbitration Days, are observed.
- 115, Ware, Lydia Stone Cook. Have visited the schools. Patriotic contests are held under the direction of the W.R.C. National anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 116, Amherst, Mrs. T. E. Brigham. Schools are visited. Flags have been placed in all the lower grades. Primers and an oleograph have been placed in schools. Flag Day is observed.
117. North Attleboro, Martha A. Bennett. Flags and primers have been placed in the schools. National anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 118, Webster, Carrie E. Day. Two fine silk flags were presented to schools, which were fully appreciated. In visiting the schools, I find patriotism is thoroughly taught.
- 119, Manchester, S. Augusta Martin. Schools have been visited. Flag Day was observed by an entertainment to which Post and Camp were invited. Exercises at the schools before Memorial Day were attended by the Corps.
- 120, Taunton, Frances L. Sampson. Our schools are provided with flags, and the Flag Salute is given. Washington's Birthday and Memorial Day the schools have appropriate services. Flag Day, anniversaries, and Citizens' Sunday are observed. The oleograph has been placed in some of the schools, one in the high, five in the grammar.
- 121, Scituate, Emily M. Damon. Memorial Day services were observed by all the schools in town. The G.A.R. and W.R.C. were represented. The children marched with the Post Memorial Day from the hall to the church-yard, where there was speaking and singing.
- 122, Swampscott, May Elizabeth Newhall. Flags, chart, oleograph, primers, Flag Salute leaflets, leaflets on humane teaching, have been placed in the schools. Anniversaries, Flag, Peace and Arbitration Day, and Citizens' Sunday are observed.

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- 124, Plymouth, Arrah V. Eddy. Patriotism in our schools is taught in various ways. Washington, Lincoln, and McKinley Days are taken as special work. The children commit to memory patriotic songs, and take great pride in giving the Flag Salute. Patriots' Day was observed by a large number of Post and Corps attending the Plymouth County Association, Peace and Arbitration by an entertainment, consisting of songs, speeches, and tableaux of past, present, and future. Several schools combined for the Memorial Day exercises, and had appropriate exercises at the soldiers' monument. Memorial Day they took part in the service for the Sailor-Soldier Dead. Flag Day was observed by an entertainment.
- 125, Spencer, Mrs. Effie B. Gray. Schools visited. A flag has been presented, and the anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 126, Revere, Adeline H. Little. Flags have been given to our schools, and through our influence the salute given and carefully explained. The schools are visited. Flag Day has a prominent place on the school programme. Lincoln's Birthday was observed by an entertainment in which the children were prominent, and to which Post and Camp were invited. Washington's Birthday was spent by the members in the interest of the schools. On Patriots' Day there was an entertainment, when over one hundred children, the G.A.R., W.R.C., and S. of V. took part. Memorial Day twenty-five children united with Post, Corps, and Camp in a service for the Unknown Dead. Then, returning to the hall for dinner, appropriate exercises followed; and the singing was furnished by about one hundred pupils. Flag Day oleographs were presented to the schools, and exercises were carried out in keeping with the day.
- 127, Andover, Mary Ellen Anderson. National anniversaries were observed. Flag Day we placed flags in the schools. Distributed Memorial Day programmes, and the teachers were glad to use them. Citizens' Sunday was observed by appropriate services in the churches.
- 128, Reading, Lucia G. Byers. Schools have been visited. Oleographs, primers, and a flag have been presented to the schools. Anniversaries, Flag Day, and Citizens' Sunday are observed.
- 129, Pittsfield, Marietta Johnson. A picture of one who was dear to the heart of every citizen of Pittsfield, Gen. William Francis Bartlett, was presented to one of the schools. Members of the Corps visited the several schools the Friday before Memorial Day. In one school the members carried their flags, and gave the Flag Salute.
- 130, Sturbridge. Schools are visited. National Anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 131, East Pepperell, Addie M. Sawyer. Schools visited, National Anniversaries are observed.

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- 132, Sandwich, Olivia Lee Thompson. Schools have been visited, and we have placed flags, charts, and primers in all of them. We observe national anniversaries.
- 135, Elizabeth A. L. Cleveland, Edgartown. Presented to the Post a large flag for the altar, also a flag to be used at funerals. Patriots' Day a patriotic entertainment was given in the Town Hall to a crowded house, the flag drill completely enthusing the audience. Flags were presented to the schools.
- 135, South Hadley Falls, Ellen A. Kirkpatrick. National anniversaries and Flag Day observed.
- 136, Whitman, S. Augusta West. Schools are visited. A flag placed in every school. Patriotic primers, oleographs, and charts, humane and Flag Salute leaflets have been given to the schools.
- 137, Hartsuff, Blanche Llewellyn. Memorial Day twenty-six children took part in the exercises, and on Flag Day one hundred and fifty. In one school the children recite poetry about the flag before saluting.
- 138, Hopkinton, Ida J. Smith. Patriotic work is progressing rapidly in our schools; and in our town, on all occasions, there is a great display of flags. We have presented a flag to every schoolroom. All our schools have been visited. The Methodist clergyman holds patriotic services on Sundays preceding national anniversaries, to which the Post and Corps are invited, the church always being beautifully decorated. Exercises were held appropriate for Washington, Lincoln, and McKinley, the pictures of the three men being draped with flags. Patriots' Day an entertainment was given to the Post, in the form of a surprise party. The children take an active part in the Memorial Day exercises. Flag Day was celebrated by a great display of flags all over the town.
- 140, Holden, Lucy A. Stearns. Have visited school, and presented primers to all and a flag to one. We do observe Flag Day and national anniversaries.
- 141, South Chatham, Helen C. Mulford. Schools have been visited. Flags, charts, oleographs, and primers have been presented to the same. Flag Day and national anniversaries are observed.
- 142, Falmouth, Eliza M. Teele. Have visited the schools. Our Corps observes national anniversaries and Flag Day.
- 143, Newbury, Ada B. Deland. Flags are placed in all the schools by the town. We observe Flag Day and national anniversaries.
- 144, Hanover, Helen A. Tower. Schools have been visited, and the school children take part in the Memorial Day exercises. The flag is flung to the breeze on national anniversaries and Flag Day. Humanity and patriotism is taught throughout our town.

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- 145, Monson, Juliaett F. Needham. Schools are visited. Anniversaries, Flag, Peace and Arbitration Days are observed.
- 146, Hanson, Mary F. Bates. Charts and primers have been presented to the schools. National anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 147, R. F. Wolcott, E. M. Littlefield. Schools have been visited. National anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 148, Oxford, Ida M. Bellows. Schools are visited. National anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 149, Lee, Mary E. Warren. National anniversaries, Citizens' Sunday, and Flag Day are observed.
- 150, Rutland, Thankful H. Thurston. Flags have been placed in the schoolrooms, also the primers. Flag Day and national anniversaries are observed.
- 151, Wareham, M. Jennie Blackwell. Patriotic Primers and copies of the Declaration of Independence have been presented all the schools by the Corps, February 22. Exercises commemorating the birthdays of Washington, Lincoln, and McKinley, were held. The entertainment was furnished by the school children. The essays written by the children of the ninth grade would have done honor to their seniors. Memorial Day the seventy-two children taking part were presented with small flags, with the instruction to carry them Flag Day. That day a patriotic entertainment that was inspiring was given.
- 152, Leicester, Frances E. Trask. Oleographs and primers have been presented to all the schools. National anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.
- 153, Uxbridge, Florence L. Mathewson. Schools have been visited. National anniversaries, Flag, Peace and Arbitration Days, are observed.
- 154, North Brookfield, Carrie R. Sargent. Superintendent of schools and committee are willing the W.R.C. should do anything in the schools. National anniversaries and Flag Day observed.
- 156, Bourne, Amanda R. Phinney. Schools are visited, and national anniversaries are observed.
- 157, Boston, Sarah A. Newell. The schools have been visited. A flag has been presented to one. Flag, Peace and Arbitration Days, Citizens' Sunday, and anniversaries are observed.
- 161, Woburn, Mabel E. Patten. Have visited schools, distributed Flag Salute leaflets. National anniversaries and Flag Days are observed.
- 164, Northfield, Nellie M. Chamberlin. Have visited the schools, and found the flag work in use. National anniversaries and Flag Day are observed.

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- 167, South Deerfield, Maria H. Reynolds. Owing to illness, the Instructor has not been able to visit the schools. A flag has been placed in one school. National anniversaries, Citizens' Sunday, and Flag Day are observed, and leaflets have been distributed.
- 169, Bridgewater, Ruth S. Josselyn. Have given flags to eight hundred children. As I was a nurse during the war, the children are very anxious to have me tell them stories. Have placed primers in the schools. The anniversaries are observed, as are Flag and Peace and Arbitration Days.
- 171, Ashburnham, Abbie E. Merritt. Have visited all the schools. Placed flags in all, also Flag Salute leaflets and primers. National anniversaries are observed, as are Flag and Peace and Arbitration Days.
- 172, Malden, Sarah K. Homer. Have visited some of the schools.
- 173, Rockport, Cora E. Beene. Schools have been visited. We observe Flag Day and national anniversaries.
- 174, South Framingham, Elizabeth E. Hayward. Flag Day the teachers in the schools furnished part of the entertainment given in the evening. All the ministers were invited. It was inspiring from beginning to end.

In response to this circular the Corps Patriotic Instructors outlined their plans of work, the statistical results of which are embodied in the tabulated report, as follows.

To simplify, I submit a consolidated report:—

Number of Corps in Department	174
Number of Corps reporting	148
Number of schools visited by the Corps Patriotic Instructor	3,191
Number of schoolrooms in which a flag has been placed by the W.R.C.,	1,153
Number of schools in which the Declaration of Independence Chart has been placed by the W.R.C.	261
Number of schoolrooms in which the Oleograph of the Origin and History of the Stars and Stripes has been placed	397
Number of schoolrooms in which the Patriotic Primer has been placed	1,092
Flag Salute Leaflets distributed	1,652
Patriotic Contests	14
Flag Day (June 14) observed	127
Leaflets on Humane Teaching	717
Bands of Mercy formed	90
Corps observing Peace and Arbitration Day (May 18)	42

This summary, perhaps, needs some explanation. Corps are willing and anxious to do much more patriotic work in the schools than they do, but superintendents and school boards feel the school curriculum is too full as it is, and anything more would be more work for the teachers. Very little can be done by Corps in humane teaching or forming Bands of Mercy, as that is a part of the regular school work. Flag Day would be more generally observed if the attention of the people was called to it, which Corps Instructors may do by writing an article on the importance of observing the day and having the same inserted in the local papers. In talking with superintendents and teachers, I find they do not encourage patriotic contests. They think the children are now crowded with the regular studies. Peace and Arbitration Day has not made the strong hold on the Corps that it should. We who have seen the terrible results of war should be first and foremost for peace and arbitration, and as Christian women should bring it prominently before the public, especially the youth of our State.

Schools have not been so generally visited by the Corps Instructors as they should be, for in the youth of our land lies our strongest hold. Even if we are not allowed to do anything, we show we are interested in the children and the work, and by inviting them to take part in our patriotic entertainments a seed may be sown that may bring forth wonderful results.

As will be seen by the tabulated report, some Corps have sent no re-

ports, and many no letters telling what has been accomplished. Therefore, they could not be reported.

From many Corps came the word: "We can do nothing this year along patriotic lines. All our energy is being used to make the National Encampment a success." In doing for that, they were embracing the opportunity for the greatest lesson in patriotism we could give. What could be more inspiring to quicken every atom of patriotism that perhaps had lain dormant for years than the dear old veteran marching to the tune of martial music; the tattered flags that told their own story; the Living Flag, composed of children of all nationalities and creeds, an exemplification of the true meaning of the flag; the decorations; the citizens vying with each other in generous hospitality; the people flocking from all parts of the country to do honor to the men who so nobly fought to save the Union?

The Living Flag can never be forgotten by those who saw it. The veterans could not praise it enough, and this Department owes a great debt of gratitude to that dear little woman, Mrs. Lue Stuart Wadsworth, to whom no undertaking along that line seems too great. I take this opportunity to thank her most sincerely for her kindness to me in advising, helping, and in many ways making my duties lighter.

I regret that in June there were not enough copies of Form V to send two copies to each Corps. There were not enough for each Corps to have even one in the National or Department supplies. Word was sent to each Corps, asking that the one sent be filled out and sent to me, and a copy be made of it to file with the Corps. To those who had none the request was made to copy the questions from one on file, and send with the answers to me. I was very sorry to ask this extra work of the Corps, but to all who responded,—and there were many,—let me take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely.

There were many calls for patriotic literature, but that supply had run out also, so that is my reason for not responding to the many calls. The supply is on hand now, however, and my successor will no doubt have enough to send all needed.

The Corps evidently do not understand the decision of the last Convention; namely, the Corps Patriotic Instructors shall meet the Department Patriotic Instructor at the several County Association meetings held all over the State. It would be a great help to the work if Corps Presidents would attend to this.

I regret exceedingly my inability to attend all the county conventions, but an invalid daughter required my attention, so that my time from home was very limited. The same reason prevented my attending the many social functions to which I was invited. I thank all who invited me, and those I attended are very pleasant memories and have helped brighten many sad hours. The associate membership in the many County Associa-

tions make stronger the bond of fellowship, and I am very proud of my many badges.

To you members of the Woman's Relief Corps belong all the glory and honor of this great patriotic work of 1904, and I, your recorder, am justly proud to record what you have done. I feel it should be written "In letters of gold on the walls of the city," but it is recorded in the hearts of men, and that is better still.

Can any one who was present ever forget the beautiful and inspiring words of Mrs. Mary E. Knowles, when she presented the flag for the Girls' High School of Boston at our last Department Convention, or the feeling words of Mr. Tetlow as he, in behalf of the school, accepted the same?

It was my great privilege to visit the Horace Mann School for the Deaf, and in behalf of the Department present to the school a chart of the Declaration of Independence and an oleograph of the Origin of the Stars and Stripes, and never shall I forget the interest in those earnest faces as they watched my lips, telling them why the Woman's Relief Corps presented such gifts, or the enthusiasm they expressed. Never could anything be more gratefully or graciously received than they were by the beautiful saintly principal, Miss Sarah Fuller, whose life-work is teaching these children to become useful citizens. An earnest invitation was extended to all members of the Woman's Relief Corps to visit the school. One would feel amply repaid for so doing, and your love for the dear old Commonwealth would strengthen as you realized what she is doing for her afflicted children. I felt that I had received a benediction.

With the mantle of patriotism thrown over me for the year 1904, I have looked at everything—yes, and everybody—through patriotic spectacles, and I am more and more convinced our great work is patriotic teaching. We must study the ever-changing conditions, and meet them. We are appalled as we read of the stream of immigrants constantly discharging from the great steamers from every port and every clime, and we see the need of great work there, but to me is equally appalling the needed work among those born under the stars and stripes, as were their fathers and grandfathers, who have no respect for the rights and property of others, and self the one goal they are striving for.

As my year closes, I want to thank the Department officers for their kindness to me, especially our dear Treasurer, Mrs. Fuller, and Secretary, Miss Elliot. The year has been a very pleasant one, full of pleasant memories.

As I drop the mantle, my dear Department President, and thank you for the very great honor conferred upon me one year ago, I am sorry not to have carried out the work that had been planned to its fullest extent. You have been so kind, considerate, and sympathetic that I feel it one of my rich blessings to have been so closely associated with such a true, womanly

woman, this year will be ever remembered with thankfulness. For you I wish everything that is lovely, a life full of great blessings.

I pledge anew my allegiance to the flag and the Order to which we belong.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

MARY E. HOLBROOKE,

Department Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PRESS CORRESPONDENT.

BOSTON, Feb. 1, 1905.

Miss MARY E. ELLIOT,

Department Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: Having completed the term of service as Department Press Correspondent for which I was appointed, I herewith submit the following report of work accomplished.

Entering upon my duties with full realization of their importance, and of the possible results to be attained by concerted action on the part of local and Department correspondents, I hoped to come into personal touch with all Woman's Relief Corps press workers throughout the State. In common with most high ideals, mine have fallen short of complete fulfilment, yet I believe some progress has been made, and that in most places the public are made fully cognizant, through the press, of the good work done by the Woman's Relief Corps; for, at some time during the year, one hundred and six local correspondents have written me of their work, many enclosing clippings, as required by Rules and Regulations.

Some delay was caused in getting down to work because of my address being wrongly given in General Order No. 1. A large amount of mail was thus delayed until too late to be of use as news. Because of this, the following circular letter was issued:—

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT PRESS CORRESPONDENT,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

657 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MASS., April 11, 1904.

CIRCULAR LETTER,

No. 2.

To Corps Presidents and Corps Press Correspondents:

Having been appointed Department Press Correspondent, I am sincerely appreciative of the honor conferred upon me, and, realizing the responsibility of the office, pledge my best efforts for a faithful performance of duty. In order that success shall result, it is necessary to have the co-operation of every Corps Press Correspondent in the Department, that the work of the Woman's Relief Corps may be kept constantly before the public, through the medium of the press.

It is not enough that items of interest are published in local papers, but the wider publicity of the metropolitan press should be sought. Therefore, Corps

Press Correspondents are urged to send accounts of Corps happenings to the Department Press Correspondent, at 657 Washington Street, Boston, mailing *not later than Wednesday night*. Do not wait for clippings, but *write* your news. Send clippings later, that the Department Press Correspondent may know what is being done. If the interesting event is to occur on Wednesday evening, send the story in *advance*. Please remember that no items a week old will be received by the Boston papers, also that it is not always possible to secure the insertion of all items sent; but the Department Secretary and Press Correspondent will do all they can to attain that result.

Responses from Corps Correspondents thus far have been very gratifying, and I wish to thank them, one and all, and urge that they do not falter in the good work. The pen is indeed mightier than the sword, and by their good deeds the Woman's Relief Corps should be known.

Monthly letters from the Department will appear in the *W.R.C. Messenger*, published at Troy, Ohio. There are departments devoted to W.R.C. news in the *Boston Sunday Globe* and *Herald* and the *Boston Courier* (weekly). The *Boston Globe*, *Herald*, *Transcript*, and other papers take W.R.C. items from day to day, and the *Suburban*, a Boston weekly, is issuing a series of sketches, with portraits, of prominent members of the Order.

Sincerely yours in F., C., and L.,

C. ELIZABETH BERRY,
Department Press Correspondent.

Approved.

ANNIE M. WARNE,
Department President.

MARY E. ELLIOT,
Department Secretary.

Much uncertainty has been expressed as to whom items for the Boston press should be sent, as blanks for the purpose were sent out by the Department Secretary, who had for some years previous had charge of such matter. While this is not in accordance with the duties of either office as ordinarily understood, it has become a time-honored custom in this Department, and my opinion, which I have often given in response to inquiries received, is that it would facilitate the work if *all* items for Boston papers were sent directly to Miss Elliot, and local correspondents instructed to report monthly to Department correspondent, and forward clippings showing work accomplished, that the latter may be able to give them full credit for their efforts. The present arrangement is far from satisfactory to any one concerned.

Many complaints have been made because *all* items sent in do not appear in the Boston papers. This is a matter over which no one in the Order has any control. All mail *properly addressed* to the Department press correspondent has been opened at Headquarters on Thursdays, and given to the press. Miss Elliot faithfully forwards *all* items received which are not too old to be of interest. The amount of space allowed by Sunday

Papers is, however, wholly disproportionate to the magnitude and importance of the Department of Massachusetts, and editors in cutting out items do not respect especial persons or events.

All personal letters from correspondents I have tried to answer, though during the busy days preceding the Encampment it was sometimes necessary to delay doing so. I have been much gratified by the earnestness and zeal of many Corps correspondents, and, if space permitted, I would gladly mention many of them by name, but to all I extend sincere thanks for their assistance and kind words, and I trust that many enduring friendships have been formed.

From data obtained, I believe that most Corps in the larger towns regularly receive courtesies from their local press, and I trust they will acknowledge the same occasionally by vote of the Corps, conveyed through the medium of the Secretary. Editors, like other people, are glad to have their good deeds appreciated.

During the year it has been my privilege to do some personal work for the press in the interest of the Woman's Relief Corps. From time to time the Boston *Transcript* has published items of general interest, and for several weeks previous to and during the Encampment devoted much space to our work, including, besides news, several special articles.

A series of sketches of prominent W.R.C. workers within the Boston suburban territory was prepared for the *Suburban*, also a sketch of the national officers, and a brief history of the Order. The *New England Magazine* for August had, as the leading article, sixteen pages of illustrated matter giving the history of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Monthly letters were sent the W.R.C. *Messenger* until November. The September number of that magazine was issued in November. Since that time all efforts to ascertain if it is still published have been of no avail. (Since writing the above, the November number has appeared, published in February, and containing part of a letter sent from this department in October.)

Items of general interest and general orders have been sent to the *National Tribune*, and the *Grand Army Journal* of New York. Having been invited by the latter publication to conduct a District No. 1 W.R.C. Department in its columns, I have been able to give Massachusetts considerable prominence.

During the year I have been the recipient of many invitations, and I sincerely thank all Corps who have thus honored me, and regret that the demands of business have obliged me to decline many of them. The occasions in which I have participated will always remain with me as pleasant memories.

Especially am I indebted to Mrs. Fuller and Miss Elliot for information and assistance, and the weekly visits to Headquarters have been much enjoyed.

Words fail when I attempt to express to Mrs. Warne, my dear Department President and friend, my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by appointment to this office. It has been a privilege to be included even as the least of her official family, and to share in the reflected lustre which her grand administration has shed upon us all. It has been my earnest endeavor to serve her, and the Department she represents, faithfully and loyally.

From all officers of the Department I have received only kindness and courtesy, and the friendships made will not soon be severed or forgotten.

Experience prompts me to make the following

Recommendation: That a letter file be furnished the Department Press Correspondent, that correspondence may be preserved in a manner convenient for reference.

In closing, I wish to extend thanks to the following for valuable assistance in the dissemination of the "news" of our Order: Miss Elliot and Mr. Hartley of the *Globe*, Miss Perry of the *Herald*, Mrs. Estes of the *Post*, Mrs. Magennis of the *Traveller*, Miss Dickenson of the *American*, and Mr. Tisdale of the *Courier*. Also for press courtesies to Mr. Jay B. Benton, city editor, and Mr. Rupert Chute, military editor, of the *Transcript*, Miss Grace B. Faxon, editor of the *Suburban*, Miss Agnes Golden of the *New England Magazine*, the editor of the *National Tribune*, and Miss Helen I. Parker, editor of the *Grand Army Journal* of New York. Especially, thanks are due Mrs. Maria W. Going, Secretary of the W.R.C. National Encampment Executive Committee, for her unfailing courtesy and helpfulness to all W.R.C. press workers during the busy days preceding the National Encampment.

In a spirit of the Fraternity which "means something," with Charity and unbounded Loyalty, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH ROBBINS BERRY,
Press Correspondent.

REPORT OF DELEGATE-AT-LARGE.

BOSTON, Feb. 1, 1905.

Miss MARY E. ELLIOT,

Department Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: The Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the Department of Massachusetts, W.R.C., having conferred upon me the honor of Delegate-at-Large, it becomes my duty to give a brief report of the proceedings of the Twenty-second National Convention, held in Boston August 17 and 18, 1904.

Months before that time the Department President and the committees chosen from the members of the Woman's Relief Corps met for consultation in perfecting plans for the grand week, which proved such an unqualified success, and was so thoroughly enjoyed by the visiting veterans and members of the Woman's Relief Corps from all over the United States.

Headquarters were opened Monday morning, August 15, at the Hotel Vendome, where our esteemed Department President and other officers were promptly on hand to receive the many callers who came to pay their respects to the Massachusetts Department, the centre of hospitality for the week. The Floral Committee had made the room very attractive with flowers, and flags and bunting added to its cheerful appearance. The warm welcome extended to the visitors made them feel instantly they were among friends.

The Department President appointed a Reception Committee, whose duty it was to call at the headquarters of each of the visiting Departments, two or three ladies going together to bear the greetings and welcome of Massachusetts.

There was a Special Committee of two, consisting of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner and Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, to carry the greetings to the ex-Prisoners of War Association.

The naval parade took place Monday morning; and a beautiful sight it was to see the white uniformed boys marching down the streets, also the Sons of Veterans in their neat, dark uniforms, and the Legion of the Spanish War Veterans.

Nearly a score of the veterans who fought in the war with Mexico fifty-six years ago added to the interest of the occasion, and there was a long line of *Kearsarge* veterans escorting the National Association of Naval Veterans.

The men who had languished in Southern prisons, but who had lived to be present on this inspiring occasion, proved a touching sight to all who were fortunate enough to witness the parade.

Monday afternoon delegates badges were distributed at National Headquarters, Hotel Vendome.

A brilliant reception was given in the afternoon, from 3 to 5 P.M., in Pierce Hall, Copley Square, by John Adams Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, to Gen. John C. Black, Commander-in-Chief of the G.A.R.; Mrs. Belinda S. Bailey, National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R.; and Mrs. Sarah D. Winans, National President of the W.R.C. Miss Vining is Regent of the Chapter, and Mrs. Lue Stuart Wadsworth, Chairman of the Reception Committee, was aided in arranging for the reception by an able corps of assistants. It was largely attended and much enjoyed. Members of different Chapters of the D.A.R. kept open house, and extended generous hospitality throughout the week to the many visitors to our city at the D.A.R. Headquarters, Pierce Building.

The evening was given to receptions. The National Woman's Relief Corps tendered a reception to Commander-in-Chief John C. Black and Mrs. Black, which was very largely attended. Our Department President, Mrs. Annie M. Warne, was honored by being invited to be in the receiving line.

The Massachusetts Department, Woman's Relief Corps, gave a reception to visiting friends in Parlor Q at Hotel Vendome from eight to nine o'clock. Mrs. Annie M. Warne, Department President, and the following were in the receiving line: Miss Clara Barton; Mrs. Harriett A. Ralph, Senior Vice-President; Mrs. Alice M. Goddard, Junior Vice-President; James H. Wolff, Senior Vice-Department Commander of Massachusetts, G.A.R.; Dwight O. Judd, Past Department Commander; Mrs. Mary L. Gilman, Chairman of the W.R.C. National Convention Executive Committee; Miss Mary E. Elliot, Department Secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth P. Sawyer, Department Chaplain; Mrs. Clara H. B. Evans, Department Counselor; Miss Sarah L. Mecuen, Department Inspector; Mrs. Mary E. Holbrooke, Department Patriotic Instructor; Mrs. Mary A. Beal, Mrs. S. Jennie Tirrell, Mrs. Kate J. Gifford, and Mrs. Sarah B. Noyes, members of the Executive Board, and Mrs. C. Elizabeth Berry, Department Press Correspondent.

Among the guests present were Governor and Mrs. Bates, Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Guild, General and Mrs. Black, General and Mrs. Blackmar, and Mr. John E. Gilman, General Howard, and many distinguished guests.

Tuesday morning dawned bright and beautiful for the grand parade of the veterans, and grand indeed it was, an inspiring and never-to-be-forgotten sight to all who were fortunate enough to witness it.

The old soldiers felt the pride and dignity of the occasion with all their souls, and marched with head erect and a vigor wonderful in men of

their years. Vast crowds thronged every thoroughfare through which the procession passed, and cheers and waving of flags for the brave boys in blue were heard and seen from every grand stand and point of vantage, and even a shower, while the Massachusetts men were passing near the close of the parade, could not wholly arrest the enthusiasm.

One of the most interesting features connected with the events of the day was the Living Flag, composed of 2,200 children on a grand stand on Tremont Street Mall, opposite Temple Place. The children sang national airs throughout the hours of the parade, to the great enjoyment of the veterans. To Mrs. Lue Stuart Wadsworth is due all praise for this very successful feature of G.A.R. day. She first proposed that the W.R.C. should undertake it, and, assisted by some of the members, she carried it through.

Tuesday afternoon a meeting of the Past Department Presidents of Massachusetts, delegates, and officers, was held at Hotel Vendome at 5.30, Mrs. Annie M. Warne, Department President, presided. Business relative to opening the Convention at Tremont Temple at 9 A.M. Wednesday morning was transacted, and it was unanimously voted to support Mrs. Fanny E. Minot of Concord, N.H., for National President.

White satin delegate badges, bearing a fine portrait of Department Commander Lucius Field, were distributed.

A large number of guests called at Department and Executive Committee Headquarters during the early evening. The Massachusetts members called at New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Ohio Headquarters, and attended the reception of the Daughters of Veterans.

Wednesday morning, Aug. 17, the Twenty-second National Convention opened at Tremont Temple. Mrs. Sarah D. Winans of Troy, Ohio, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, called to order at 9.40 o'clock. The hall was beautifully decorated with flags and bunting, and the yellow banners given by the W.R.C. Department of California were gracefully strung above the platform. A very large number of delegates and members of the Woman's Relief Corps were present, completely filling the hall.

The singing of the Doxology, prayer by the National Chaplain, Mrs. Mary Lyle Reynolds, the singing of the opening ode, followed by the Flag Salute, opened the work of the Convention.

Our Department President, Mrs. Annie M. Warne, then gave a hearty address of welcome to the delegates, saying that Massachusetts was the home of Bunker Hill and Plymouth Rock, and where the famous "Tea Party" took place. She then presented to the National President a beautiful basket of flowers and a souvenir spoon. Mrs. Winans fittingly responded. Mrs. Jennie S. Wright, National Secretary, then called the roll of officers, and they were presented to the Convention and saluted by the delegates. The Past National Presidents were also presented to the Convention.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner, Chairman of the Accommodation Committee,

who had worked valiantly and untiringly, spoke for that Committee, saying it had done its best, and had provided 11,000 rooms. She was given a hearty vote of thanks.

The President announced the various committees, also Color Bearers, platform aides, and assistant guards.

A basket of yellow poppies was presented to National President Mrs. Winans from the California Department. A magnificent bouquet of American Beauty roses was given to Miss Maxon from Ohio delegates.

Fitchburg Corps No. 1 presented, through Mrs. Annie Shattuck, to the National President a spoon in honor of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the First Relief Corps in the United States.

Mrs. Dorcas H. Lyman, Chairman of the Lunch Committee, cordially invited the national officers and delegates to a luncheon at Park Street Church.

At 10.15 o'clock, with closed doors, the President delivered the annual address, in the course of which she presented to the Convention a beautiful American silk flag from Col. Allan C. Bakewell, of New York, Chief of Patriotic Instruction G.A.R. A picture of the flag and the National President's grandson, Master J. Cory Winans, Jr., standing by it, adorned the yellow satin badges of the National Convention.

After paying a tribute to Massachusetts and saying that patriotism has been the dominant work of the year, Mrs. Winans offered the recommendations, which will appear in the list of Decisions of Convention.

The National President told of her travels and visits during her year of office, and her address was referred to the Committee.

Other reports presented to the Convention were the Secretary's and Treasurer's.

Mrs. Mary L. Gilman, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Encampment, on its behalf presented a magnificent vase to Mrs. Winans, and cordially invited the delegates to a campfire to be given by the women at Mechanics' Hall on Thursday evening.

Miss Clara Barton and Mrs. John C. Black, wife of the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, were then introduced to the Convention. Major Mink gave an address, and Mrs. Etta A. Lockhart, Chairman of the Floral Committee, presented beautiful flowers and souvenir spoons to three of the national officers,—to Mrs. Warne, Department President of Massachusetts, who gracefully returned her thanks and appreciation, Mrs. Fuller, Department Treasurer, Miss Elliot, Department Secretary,—to Mrs. Maria W. Going, who had so faithfully worked for many months, and a beautiful silver vase and flowers to Mrs. Mary L. Gilman, Chairman of the Executive Board, who had so gracefully presided at its meetings.

An interesting feature of the proceedings of the Convention was the entrance of the Boys' Band from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home of Indiana, escorted to the platform by Mrs. Phillips, National Treasurer, and

Mrs. Hitt, Past National President, and the Color Bearers, the delegates singing "Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching." Major Eldredge made a short address relating to the Home and Industrial School of six hundred boys. The boys played finely a selection of national airs, which was very inspiring and elicited much applause. Mrs. Phillips, on behalf of the Department of New York, presented small silk flags to every boy. The Massachusetts Department sent them each a souvenir badge.

The Committee on President's Address was announced.

Mrs. Knowles extended a cordial invitation from the Plymouth Corps for the delegates to visit Plymouth on Saturday, August 20.

Mrs. Winans received a present from the Rhode Island Corps, presented by Mrs. Bodge, Past National President.

Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Black, and Miss Clara Barton bore greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. Warne announced that the lunch hour had arrived, and asked for an adjournment. It was voted to have the election of officers at three o'clock. The Convention then adjourned to meet again at one.

The delegates crossed the street to Park Street Church, where a delicious luncheon was served in the vestry, which had been daintily decorated with green and white bunting by the Decoration Committee. The lunch was served under the able direction of Mrs. Dorcas H. Lyman, Chairman of the Lunch Committee, assisted by Mrs. Lue Stuart Wadsworth, Secretary, Mrs. Abby L. Perry, Vice-Chairman, who was in charge of Symphony Hall, where luncheons were served both days of the Encampment to 1,200 veterans, and Mrs. Mary A. Landt, Second Vice-Chairman. Many willing hands from the different Corps assisted in waiting on the guests. Pretty blue and white souvenir plates, with a picture of Park Street Church upon them, were distributed to each delegate present.

The afternoon session was taken up by receiving a delegation bearing the greetings from the Grand Army, consisting of Comrades King of Maryland, Wolff of Arkansas, and Past Commander Harris of Kansas, and by the election of a National President.

There were five candidates placed in nomination. Mrs. Fanny E. Minot of New Hampshire, whose nomination was seconded by Mrs. Warne, Department President, on behalf of the entire Massachusetts delegation, as well as many others, having received the largest number of votes, was declared elected. She was called to the platform, presented by Mrs. Carrie E. Sparklin, and greeted and congratulated by the President, and in a few words thanked the Convention for the honor conferred upon her.

Mrs. Lockhart, in behalf of the Floral Committee, presented flowers to Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Evans, and Mrs. Jones.

Mrs. Wales invited the delegates to a fish dinner on Friday at Revere.

Mrs. Going distributed handsomely bound souvenir guide books of

Boston to delegates, presented by the Executive Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic. Also beautiful souvenir badges were given.

Mrs. Goodale, in behalf of the National Aides, presented to Mrs. Winans a diamond ring and a beautiful handkerchief.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner, who had officially visited the Grand Army Encampment as one of the Committee on Greetings, reported that the account of the relief given by 149,000 loyal women gave rise to three cheers and a tiger from the veterans of the Grand Army.

It was voted to hold an evening session, and the delegates in reduced numbers assembled again at 7.30 o'clock.

Col. J. Cory Winans, husband of the retiring President, spoke at length on the common duties of the Woman's Relief Corps and the Grand Army.

With the resumption of business two names were nominated for Senior Vice-President. Mrs. Mary Noyes Farr of South Dakota was elected.

A telegram of sympathy was sent to Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood, Past National President, who was detained at her home in Ohio by an accident.

Mrs. Ell Torrance, wife of Past Commander-in-Chief Torrance, was presented to the Convention.

The report of the Committee on the President's address was accepted, and the recommendations acted on separately.

Mrs. Robinson of Massachusetts moved an adjournment until nine o'clock the following morning.

The Convention again gathered in Tremont Temple on Thursday morning. A fine organ recital by Miss Hattie L. Shute of Edgartown, Mass., preceded the session, which was much enjoyed. "America" was sung, and the session opened with prayer.

The minutes of the previous afternoon and evening were read.

There were four nominees for Junior Vice-President. Mrs. Lida A. Oldroyd of Potomac was elected. She was presented to the Convention, and fittingly responded. Mrs. Ball of Potomac then presented her with flowers.

The Auditing Committee reported the work of the Treasurer well done. It was voted to accept the report of the Auditing Committee.

The Color Bearers escorted the ladies of the Ladies' Aid Association to the platform, representing five thousand loyal Daughters, one of whom briefly addressed the Convention.

A delegation of Army Nurses were also presented. One of them spoke for the delegation. "Onward, Christian Soldiers," was sung as they retired.

The National Treasurer, Mrs. Sarah E. Phillips, Syracuse, N.Y., was re-elected. She was presented by Mrs. Jennie S. Wright in a cordial speech, and feelingly responded.

Visitors from the Memorial University of Iowa were received, and two

members from Colorado and Nevada cordially invited the delegates to Denver next August.

Gen. Henry B. Carrington, messenger from the Grand Army Encampment, was escorted by Mrs. Warne, Department President, to the platform, announced the election by acclamation of Gen. Wilmon W. Blackmar for Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, which was greeted with hearty applause, and that the next Encampment would be held in Denver, Col. Mrs. Blackmar was escorted to the platform by Mrs. Goodale, and presented to the Convention.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Miss Shute for her delightful playing of the organ.

A delegation from the ladies of the G.A.R. was announced, and they were introduced.

The Convention then adjourned for luncheon, which was again served at Park Street Church.

The afternoon session was called to order at two o'clock. Judge Wright was introduced, and spoke briefly.

A beautiful tea service was presented to Mrs. Winans from the Department of Ohio, and a silver dish to Mrs. Jennie S. Wright, National Secretary.

Other officers elected were: National Chaplain, Miss Hannah W. Maxon, Gallipolis, Ohio; Chairman of the Executive Board, Mrs. Jennie S. Wright, Troy, Ohio, the remaining members of the Board being Mrs. Olive A. Killen, Denver, Col., Mrs. Mary T. Jones, San Diego, Cal., Mrs. Alice M. Gilman, Oakland, Me., Dr. Orpha D. Bruce, Tampa, Fla.

Gen. Ell Torrance was introduced to the delegates, and made a beautiful address, thanking the Woman's Relief Corps for relief to the Kansas sufferers.

Gen. and Mrs. John C. Black were announced, and escorted to the platform. General Black gave a very poetical and fine address, and Mrs. Black, being called for, spoke most pleasantly of her being a native of Massachusetts, and being very proud that this State had placed laurel wreaths at her husband's feet. Mrs. Black, with a fine, strong, beautiful voice, led the singing which followed.

Capt. Wallace Foster was introduced to the Convention, and spoke of the work of the Woman's Relief Corps.

After the reading of several reports, followed by the installation of the officers, the Convention adjourned at 9.30 p.m.

DECISIONS OF THE TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION.

1. That the Relief Corps continue to co-operate with the Grand Army in patriotic teaching, as in all other lines of work, and so fulfil in letter and spirit our obligations as defined in the Rules and Regulations of our Order, and set forth in the Decisions of the Twentieth National Convention.

2. That humane teaching and peace and arbitration continue to be a part of patriotic teaching, in which the United States is so nobly leading among the nations of the earth.

3. That the Burial Service prepared in memory of the Sailor-Soldier Dead be adopted and furnished with other supplies, and that in appreciation of the high compliment paid to this service by Past Commander-in-Chief Black, and in accordance with his wishes as expressed at the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, leaflets containing this service be printed for general distribution to all Posts of the Grand Army, and be sent in bulk to the Headquarters of each Department of the Grand Army.

4. That the national per capita tax be reduced from two and one-half to two cents per member.

5. That in the future, the National President get out the Roster immediately upon her election, and that only the Roll of Convention be printed for use of National Convention.

6. That the Woman's Relief Corps indorse the Memorial University at Mason City, Ia., and that the incoming President and her Council formulate a plan of volunteer work, whereby the Relief Corps may render practical aid in this noble enterprise.

7. That no National Organizers be appointed in regular Departments; but that, in Departments hampered financially, aid be extended through the National Order when needed to extend their work of organization, such aid to be rendered on order of the National President.

8. That hereafter four copies of Department Election Returns, Form M, be sent by National Secretary to Department Presidents, which shall provide one copy each for National Treasurer, National Inspector, National Instituting and Installing Officer, and National Secretary, and that Rules and Regulations, Service Books, and Election Returns, Form M, be made to agree with this decision.

9. That a fund be established, to be known as the W.R.C. Emergency Fund, the balance in the Kansas Relief Fund, \$241.50, to be used as its nucleus, said fund to be maintained by the transfer of one-tenth of per capita tax each quarter, and to be used for the relief of veterans and families who may be the victims of disaster on land and sea.

10. That the amount of \$511.93, returned from the Department of Texas, as a balance from the unexpended Texas Relief Fund, be transferred to the Emergency Fund.

11. That cedar posts be set as markers on the Andersonville Prison grounds, to designate points of interest. This should be done now, while men are living who can locate these points. This is to be done at a cost not to exceed \$125.

12. That the National Convention appropriate a sum of money, not less than \$1,000, annually, to establish a fund for the perpetual care of the Andersonville Prison property.

13. That hereafter \$100 be allowed the National President for her work, and all expenses of compiling the Journal of the National Convention.

14. That hereafter \$75 be allowed to the National Treasurer for clerk hire each year.

15. That a digest or copy of the Department Patriotic Instructor's report to Department Convention be sent to the National Patriotic Instructor.

16. That the reports of Assistant National Inspectors shall cover the entire period of the Department administration; that Form R be changed by striking out "Organization" and inserting "Department Convention," and by adding "Were accounts balanced and books closed for the year?" this question to be lettered C. Change the present question C to D, and D to E. Insert the words "after Department Convention" in fourth line of note at top of first page, after "immediately."

17. That Form S be made to conform to the changes proposed in Form R.

18. That National Inspector forward Forms O.P, PP, RR, to Department Inspectors.

19. That every Department, as far as possible, present a flag to a high school in the city where their annual convention is held, that the expense thereof be defrayed by Corps contributions from patriotic entertainments, sent to the Department Treasurer in sums of fifty cents or more, as needed, in the estimate of the Department Patriotic Instructor, or from the General Fund, if the Department President so directs.

20. That, to accomplish the best results, the flag be presented to the children assembled in the hall or on the campus, in the presence of the G.A.R. and W.R.C.; when not practicable, at the campfire with teachers and scholars assembled, the arrangements for the flag presentation to be made after consulting with the Committee on Arrangements and the superintendent of the public schools in the entertaining city.

21. That \$50 in excess of last year's appropriations for such purpose be appropriated to purchase flags for schools in the South.

22. That questions Nos. 1, 4, 9, 10, in Forms V, VV, VVV, be eliminated and the remaining twelve questions renumbered.

23. That Corps Presidents request Corps Patriotic Instructors and Department Presidents request Department Patriotic Instructors to send written reports, or letters, of their work to the officers to whom they report—namely, Department and National Patriotic Instructor, respectively—semi-annually, in June and December.

24. That the date for reports on Form V be June 1, and dates on Forms VV, VVV, not later than July 1.

25. That we protest against the desecration of the flag for commercial purposes, and ask Congress to pass a bill similar to that prepared by the American Flag Association, which passed the United States Senate March 12, 1904, but was lost in the House of Representatives.

26. That the remains of Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Van Der Voort, now lying in a rented vault in Cuba, should find a resting-place on his native soil, and that the incoming National President take steps to have his body brought back to America for interment, and that the expense be borne by the National Treasury of the Woman's Relief Corps.

27. That the decision of the Twelfth National Convention to create a Volunteer Fund through a standing committee be rescinded, and that the legitimate expenses of the Woman's Relief Corps in affiliation with the National Council of Women be met from the General Fund.

28. That the column "Balance last report," under headings "Receipts General Fund" and "Receipts Relief Fund" (Delinquent Corps), be eliminated from next edition of Department Treasurer's Tabulated Report blank, Form E.

29. That Form H be printed on lighter weight paper, and only half the length of those now in use.

30. That the National Press Correspondent consolidate the reports of the Assistant National Press Correspondents with her own.

31. That Departments report to the National Secretary the death of all Army Nurses, that their names may be enrolled on the pages of National Journals.

32. That all necessary expenses incurred by the Committee on Compiling Decisions of National Conventions, in preparing and publishing the work, be rendered on itemized bills, and paid by the National Treasurer upon the approval of the National President.

One of the impressive features of the week was the public reception given by the Massachusetts Army Nurse Association at the State House, Wednesday afternoon. The presence of eighty of these former nurses was in itself sufficient to give distinction to the occasion. The reception occurred in Memorial Hall, this being the first reception that has ever been held there. It was largely due to the efforts of Mrs. Micah Dyer and Mrs. Fannie T. Hazen that Governor Bates yielded his consent to the use of Memorial Hall for this purpose. Governor and Mrs. Bates were the first to greet the Army Nurses. They were followed by thousands, who were glad of the opportunity to greet these honored women.

On Wednesday evening, August 17, occurred the magnificent carnival on the Charles River at Waltham, witnessed by fully 100,000 people. It will be remembered as the most magnificent spectacle ever prepared for the entertainment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and as the most elaborate night scene ever illuminated in this country. In the flotilla were over four hundred canoes decorated with Japanese lanterns, and about fifty pretentiously lighted floats illustrative of historical events.

A monster campfire, given by the Woman's Relief Corps of Massachusetts, was held at Mechanics' Hall on Thursday evening, August 18. The large hall was crowded in spite of the great attraction of the electrical parade going on outside. It is estimated that more than 15,000 veterans of the Grand Army, members of the Woman's Relief Corps, and their friends, were in attendance.

Mrs. Mary L. Gilman, Past Department President of Massachusetts, presided with great ability. She welcomed the audience in a graceful speech. The speakers were his Excellency John L. Bates, Governor of Massachusetts, Judge Emmons of Boston, Gen. Wilmon W. Blackmar, newly elected Commander-in-Chief of the G.A.R., Mrs. Annie M. Warne, Department President of Massachusetts, Lucius Field, Department Commander of Massachusetts, Adjutant-General John E. Gilman, and Gen. Henry B. Carrington.

Miss Clara Barton, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner, Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, and Mrs. Wilmon W. Blackmar were introduced to the audience.

The music was furnished by the Eighth Regiment Band, under the

leadership of Harry E. Stiles; by Miss Adah Campbell Hussey, who sang magnificently "The Star-spangled Banner"; by Miss Ella Chamberlain, who gave several whistling solos, much to the delight of the audience; and by the fine singers of the Schubert Male Quartette.

An impressive and inspiring feature of the evening was the "Trooping of the Colors" by eighty veterans, under the direction of Col. J. Payson Bradley, Junior Vice-Department Commander of Massachusetts, which stirred every heart to patriotism and love for their flag and country.

A beautiful sight later in the evening was the "Salute to the Flag," given by one hundred Color Bearers of the Woman's Relief Corps, under the able management of Mrs. Fannie M. Jones, Past Assistant National Inspector, and Mrs. Mary E. Knowles, Past Department President and Past National Chaplain. In double file formation, the command, carrying flags, advanced up the two centre aisles to the stage. There the white-gowned Color Bearers executed several evolutions most gracefully, and marched especially well.

Mrs. Alice M. Goddard, Junior Vice-Department President, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, deserves much praise for her untiring efforts in making the campfire such a great success as it proved to be.

On Friday, August 19, at 10 A.M., about four hundred delegates and invited guests took the train for Revere Beach, where at Hotel Pleasanton an excellent shore dinner was served, to which all did full justice. After dinner the various places of amusement were visited, and at 3 P.M. the train was taken for Lynn, where, at the station, carriages and automobiles were in waiting to take the visitors to G.A.R. Hall. There they were taken in charge by the Reception Committee, and everything possible was done for their entertainment. A fine banquet was served, and trips to near-by points of interest by carriage, auto, and boat were taken. Souvenirs were presented each guest. Great credit is due Mrs. S. Jennie Tirrell and other committees of Corps No. 29, who so ably carried out the programme of the day. Miss Clara Barton, the founder of the Red Cross Society, was the special guest of honor, and was greeted everywhere with the greatest respect.

Thanks are especially due to Mrs. Augusta A. Wales, who arranged and carried out all plans for the very successful fish dinner.

The same day a large party of prominent Grand Army men, many of them accompanied by ladies, went on an excursion down the harbor in the fine steamer *Myles Standish* of the Nantasket Beach Steamboat Line to Nahant, where a good fish dinner was served. The visitors were much delighted on the return trip by the evolutions of the United States naval vessels.

Friday, August 19, the historic old Royall House was thrown open from ten A.M. to seven o'clock P.M., by invitation of the Sarah E. Fuller Tent 22, Daughters of Veterans of Medford, for the entertainment of the visitors to the Grand Army Encampment.

Among the organizations whose members came by invitation were the

G.A.R., Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans, Daughters of Veterans, Ladies of the G.A.R., National Army Nurses' Association, and the Ladies' Aid to the Sons of Veterans. Miss Bertha J. Whitney, President of the Sarah E. Fuller Tent, and Mrs. Elizabeth J. Joyce, who resides in a part of the historic house, received the guests as they entered the building. A continual stream of people poured through the doors, more than fifteen hundred visitors being entertained. A large number of members of S. C. Lawrence W.R.C. 5, and Sarah Bradlee Fulton Chapter D.A.R., which occupies the house for its headquarters, assisted the Daughters in their work. Refreshments were served throughout the day. A part of the historic property of special interest to the visitors during the day was that of the slaves' quarters in the rear of the main building.

The Daughters of the Revolution gave a cordial reception to the visitors to our city by keeping their attractive Club-room at 100 Boylston Street, in the Colonial Building, open each day, with tea served from three to five by different Chapters. Mrs. Adelaide Francis Fitts, State Regent of the Society, and Mrs. E. S. Burton, Chairman of the Committee in charge of the week's hospitality, welcomed the strangers. The rooms were beautifully decorated in buff and blue, the colors of the Society.

A large reception was held on the afternoon of Friday, August 19, among the distinguished guests present being Mrs. John L. Bates, wife of the Governor of Massachusetts, Lieutenant Governor Curtis Guild, Jr., and Mrs. Guild, and Mrs. Fanny E. Minot, newly elected National President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

The New Century Club on Huntington Avenue, through its president, Mrs. Isabella A. Potter, also very kindly opened their pleasant rooms for the reception and comfort of visitors throughout the week.

Saturday, August 20, the day set for the Plymouth trip, proved to be a very rainy one, but not enough so to dampen the ardor of the four hundred who left the South Station at 8.45 A.M. to visit the first landing-place of the Pilgrim Fathers. At Whitman Comrade Savery, Past Commander of Collingwood Post, boarded the train, and distributed souvenirs of Plymouth Rock to all.

On arrival at the station, Collingwood W.R.C. had carriages in waiting to carry the visitors to all points of interest. The two objects of interest most desired to see were the Plymouth Rock, on which the visitors had the privilege of standing, and the splendid monument erected to the memory of the Pilgrim Fathers.

After the visitors had returned from sight-seeing, a delicious luncheon was served to all by Collingwood Corps, after which a reception was given to National and Department officers, and a very social time enjoyed. Many thanks are due Mrs. Abbie D. Danforth for opening her home as headquarters for the ladies to rest, write letters, or meet friends. The courtesy was very much appreciated.

Mrs. Welthea E. Savery and Mrs. Abbie D. Danforth, the Committee in charge of the arrangements for the day, most ably carried out the same.

While the ladies were thus pleasantly engaged at Plymouth, in spite of the rain, a large party of Grand Army veterans, some of them accompanied by their ladies, took a steamer to Nantasket beach, first sailing close to the Charlestown Navy Yard, and among the beautiful islands dotting the harbor. A trip to Plymouth had been planned, but the rough sea made this undesirable, and the excursion to Nantasket was substituted. A good luncheon was served on board, and with singing, speech-making, and chatting, all spent a very happy day.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

HELEN R. BLACKMAR,

Delegate-at-Large.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONVENTION.

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Mrs. Ralph, Department Senior Vice-President: I thank you, members of the Convention, for the quiet manner in which you have listened to this able report. Addressing Mrs. Warne, she said: "On behalf of your associates in the Department Council I present you this gift (a silver tea service) and it is with great pleasure that I perform this duty. Our associations throughout the year have been friendly, and we trust the friendship will continue. We appreciate your faithful work and interest, and we respect you, above all else, for the principles of justice that have marked your administration."

Mrs. Warne, Department President, appropriately responded, expressing heart-felt thanks to her "official family" for the beautiful gift, and said, "Whatever success has been accomplished is, in a measure, due to the united efforts of my associate officers who comprise the Council."

Mrs. Warne then announced the appointment of committees on officers' reports, as follows:—

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Mary E. Knowles	Somerville.
Sarah J. Rice	Waltham.
Helen C. Mulford	Chatham.
Mary Belle Beck	Gloucester.
Annie E. Higgins	South Boston.

SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Mary L. Gilman	Roxbury.
Anna J. James	South Frammingham.
Ida R. Hartner	Milford.
Ida E. Flanders	Stoneham.
Alice E. Chapman	Springfield.

JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Harriette L. Ford	Dorchester.
Oscarina C. Blair	Brockton.
Minnie F. Willey	Lynn.
Gertrude W. Easterbrook	Whitman.
Louisa H. Sturtevant	Hanover.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Annie C. Shattuck	Fitchburg.
Helen A. Lambirth	Somerville.
Abbie J. Smith	Hyde Park.
Welthea E. Savery	Plymouth.
Mary L. Phillips	Boston.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Angie A. Robinson	Worcester.
Etta B. Lyon	Brighton.
Amelia E. Stewart	East Boston.
Elvira Gilson	Leominster.
Lucia A. Stuart	Avon.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

M. Susan Goodale	Medford.
Minnie M. Martin	Cambridge.
Harriet H. Hoyt	Fitchburg.
Sarah H. Smith	Attleboro.
Minnie F. Tabor	New Bedford.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Eva T. Cook	Gloucester.
M. Annie Smith	Holyoke.
Belle A. Russell	Winchendon.
Christie W. Gibbs	Hyannis.
Maria L. Brummitt	Walpole.

COUNSELOR'S REPORT.

Augusta A. Wales	Dorchester.
Ella I. DeForest	Lee.
Georgia A. Edgartown	Sturbridge.
Satie L. Ogden	Pittsfield.
Jennie C. Fletcher	Milton.

INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICER'S REPORT.

Josephine A. Burdick	North Adams.
Marion W. Comey	Foxboro.
Nettie M. Lambert	Eastondale.
Lillian Swift	Cottage City.
Loretta M. Sweet	East Douglas.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT.

Dorcas H. Lyman	Brighton.
Junie B. Morrell	Weymouth.
Abby J. Piper	Hopkinton.
Addie F. Drape	Wareham.
Mary E. Jennings	Warren.

REPORT OF DELEGATE-AT-LARGE.

Lizabeth A. Turner	Boston.
Hattie C. McIntyre	Dorchester.
Helen M. Wilder.	Hingham.
Sarah D. Calder	Hanson.
Lizzie A. Treat	Great Barrington.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

S. Agnes Parker	Brockton.
Frances R. Sturgeon	Malden.
Jessie W. Lowell.	Worcester.
Luella Meekins	Shelburne Falls.
Eleanor B. Wheeler	South Boston.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT RELIEF WORK.

Mary G. Deane	Fall River.
Ella J. Fuller	Medford.
Abbie M. Dean	Canton.
Eliza S. Bugbee	Brookline.
Clara A. Osborn	Scituate.

COMMITTEE ON PRESS CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT.

Nellie A. Tracy	Charlestown.
Lizzie C. Lauriat	Marshfield.
M. Emma Weston	Somerville.
Agnes E. Damon	North Brookfield.
Mary A. Squires	Norwood.

Mrs. Turner: I move that a message of sympathy, with flowers, be sent to Joseph W. Thayer, Past Department Commander G.A.R., and to Miss Sarah L. Mecuen, Department Inspector, also a vote of sympathy to all Past Department Presidents who are absent on account of illness. [Carried.]

Mrs. Knowles: I move that a telegram of sympathy be sent Mrs. Lelia F. Rockwood, Past Department Inspector, who is deeply disappointed at not being able to meet with us to-day. [Seconded by several members, and carried.]

The Conductors were instructed to distribute the printed preliminary reports, and they attended to this duty.

Mrs. Martha M. Allen, Past Department Chaplain: I move that a telegram of congratulation be forwarded from this Convention to General Oliver O. Howard and wife, who are to-day celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary at Burlington, Vt. [Seconded by Mrs. Lovejoy, of Ayer, and carried.]

Mrs. Evans, Department Counsellor: I move that immediately after

we convene this afternoon we proceed to roll-call and the election of officers. [Carried.]

Mrs. Ralph: I move that we hold a session this evening. [Seconded by Mrs. Turner and others.]

After discussion by Mrs. Savery of Plymouth, Miss Tracy, of Charlestown, and others, the motion was carried.

Mrs. Fanny E. Minot, National President, and Miss Helen M. Ayers, National Secretary, were announced in waiting. They were escorted to the platform by the Committee on Courtesies.

Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, Life Member of the National Executive Board; Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner, chairman of the Andersonville Prison Board; Mrs. Mary L. Gilman, National Chief of Staff; the National Aides; and Mrs. Maggie M. Jones, Assistant National Inspector; Mrs. Harriette L. Reed, Mrs. Eleanor B. Wheeler, Past National Secretaries; Mrs. S. Agnes Parker and Mrs. Mary E. Knowles, Past National Chaplains,—were invited to the platform, and all were received with the official salute.

Addressing Mrs. Minot, the Department President said: "It is a very great honor, and one that we greatly appreciate, to have the privilege of greeting you to our Convention. I assure you and your Secretary of a cordial welcome to Massachusetts, and pledge you our continued support."

Mrs. Fannie T. Hazen, National President of the Army Nurse Association, and Mrs. Margaret Hamilton, Past National President, were introduced, and welcomed as the representatives of the noble band of Army Nurses.

The Department President made the following additional appointments: Mrs. S. Anna Starkweather, of Berkshire Corps 129, Pittsfield, member of Committee on Counsellor's Report in place of Mrs. Ogden, absent; Mrs. Mary Moore, of Scott Bradley Corps 149, Lee, on same committee in place of Mrs. DeForest, absent.

Mrs. Mary J. Reynolds, of C. D. Sanford Corps 32, North Adams, in place of Mrs. Burdick, absent.

Adjourned at 12.45.

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mrs. Warne, Department President, called the afternoon session of the Convention to order at two o'clock, and instructed the Conductors to take the password.

After performing the duty assigned them, the Conductors reported all present entitled to remain.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Turner, that we adjourn at six o'clock this evening to meet again at seven o'clock.

Department President: The Conductors will now collect the credential cards.

Remarks by Mrs. Turner, President of the Association composed of the Committees for the 1904 National Convention, who explained that the Association was organized last evening. She asked the privilege of admitting the Color Bearers who served during the National Convention as members of the Association.

The request was unanimously granted.

Department President: I take great pleasure in presenting at this time Mrs. Fanny E. Minot, National President, whom we are always glad to welcome to Massachusetts.

Mrs. Minot referred in a complimentary manner to the success of the recent national gathering in Boston, and said, "The Department of Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief Corps will never be forgotten by those from other States who were their guests last August." Continuing, Mrs. Minot said: "Application and concentration are necessary for success in all undertakings, and all National and Department Officers realize the importance of these two words. I am glad to say that the Order is prospering." Referring to the various lines of work, she said that an extra appropriation had been made for the patriotic work in the South, and a great work is being accomplished at Andersonville in charge of the committee of which your own Mrs. Turner is chairman. Mrs. Minot closed by wishing the "Banner Department" success.

Department President: The Secretary will read the Council records.

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF DEPARTMENT COUNCIL.

BOSTON, Feb. 11, 1904.

The first meeting of the new Department Council was called to order at 10.20 o'clock by Mrs. Annie M. Warne Department President.

Prayer by Mrs. Elizabeth P. Sawyer, Department Chaplain.

All the members were present with the exception of Mrs. Holbrooke, Department Patriotic Instructor.

Records of yesterday's session of Convention were read by the Secretary, and approved.

Mrs. Warne, Department President, asked the co-operation of all her associates, stating that she felt the responsibility of her office and appreciated the honor conferred. She felt there was no reason why we could not have a successful administration, and asked all the members of the Council to give their best knowledge and efforts to the work.

Mrs. Wadsworth stated that a request had been received from the Horace Mann School for the Deaf and Dumb for an oleograph of the Stars and Stripes and a chart of the Declaration of Independence.

She moved that a framed copy of both be presented the school by the Department Patriotic Instructor.

Remarks in favor of the motion by Mrs. Goddard, who asked that she be allowed to pay for the same. [The motion was carried.]

Mrs. Sawyer moved a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Goddard. [Seconded by several, and carried.]

Remarks by Mrs. Fuller relative to the Horace Mann School. She expressed her pleasure at the vote to present the gifts.

Mrs. Wadsworth moved that Mrs. Goddard accompany the Department Patriotic Instructor when she presents the oleograph and chart to the school. [Seconded by Mrs. Sawyer, and carried.]

A communication was received from O. S. Swank, Private Secretary to General John C. Black, Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic, stating that the continued illness of General Black prevented him from attending the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Department of Massachusetts W. R. C. He sent, however, his cordial greetings.

A telegram of greeting (received too late for the Convention) was received from Mrs. Sarah D. Winans, National President.

Moved by Miss Elliot, seconded by Mrs. Evans, that all communications received at the Convention, but not read, be inserted in the printed Journal of its proceedings. [Carried.]

Mrs. Ralph, chairman Committee on Testimonial to Mrs. Lyman, Past Department President, reported. Miss Mecuen moved, seconded by Mrs. Turner, that the report be accepted and thanks extended the committee. [Carried.]

Mrs. Ralph moved that the same Committee on Department Rooms at the Soldiers' Home that has served from the first be re-elected. [Seconded by several members, and carried.]

Mrs. Emma B. Lowd, Mrs. M. Susan Goodale, and Mrs. S. Agnes Parker were duly chosen to serve another year.

Mrs. L. A. Turner, Past National President, who was present at the Council meeting, stated that she was pleased to meet the members, and must now leave for her home in Connecticut.

The Department President assured Mrs. Turner that we consider it an honor to have her with us.

Moved by Mrs. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Ralph, that we pay the sexton of the People's Temple the sum of ten dollars for his services during the two days of the Convention. [Carried.]

Moved by Mrs. Ralph, seconded by several members, that we extend a rising vote of thanks to Miss Fattie L. Shute, Department Instituting and Installing Officer, for her organ recital at our twenty-fifth anniversary, which was highly appreciated by the large audience. [Carried.]

Response by Miss Shute, who acknowledged the vote just passed.

Mrs. Beal moved that we express our thanks to Miss Wade, who accepted an invitation to sing at the anniversary, but who was unable to respond on account of a cold, also to her friend Miss James, of Brockton,

who intended to act as accompanist. [Seconded by Mrs. Goddard, and carried.]

Moved by Mrs. Fuller that a vote of thanks be extended Mrs. Ralph, chairman of the Anniversary Committee, for her services in preparing such an interesting programme. [Seconded by Mrs. Evans, and carried by a rising vote.]

Moved by Mrs. Wadsworth that, when Mrs. Ralph visits Mrs. Knowles to express the official thanks for her address in presenting the flag to the Girls' High School, she present her a silk flag as a gift from the Department.

Several complimentary remarks were made concerning the eloquent address of Mrs. Knowles, and the motion, after being seconded by all, was carried.

Moved by Miss Elliot that a vote of thanks be sent Mrs. Mercy A. Wolff, of Brighton, for her services as pianist during the Convention. [Seconded by Mrs. Ralph, and carried.]

Mrs. Ralph moved that Miss Elliot be chosen Committee on Libraries. [Seconded by Mrs. Gifford, and carried.]

Voted unanimously, on motion of Mrs. Ralph, that the Council extend to the newly elected officers of the Department of Massachusetts G.A.R. its loyal allegiance and its services throughout the year.

Miss Elliot moved that the Council also pledge its allegiance to the National President, and its regret at her absence from the Convention. [Seconded by Mrs. Ralph, and carried.]

Mrs. Evans, on behalf of Mrs. Turner, presented to Department Headquarters a bound report of Andersonville, which was accepted with thanks.

The Executive Board retired to elect the Auditing Committee for the year.

Mrs. Wadsworth, chairman, subsequently reported the following nominations for Auditing Committee: Mrs. S. Jennie Tirrell, chairman, Mrs. Kate J. Gifford, and Mrs. Mary A. Beal.

Moved by Mrs. Goddard, seconded by Mrs. Sawyer, that the report be accepted. [Carried, and the candidates were duly elected.]

The recommendation in the address of the Department President regarding a telephone at Headquarters was next considered.

The Convention, having voted in favor of the same, Mrs. Sawyer moved that a committee to procure the telephone be appointed by the chair.

After remarks by several members, the motion was carried.

Mrs. Warne, Department President, appointed Miss Sarah L. Mecuen, Mrs. Lue Stuart Wadsworth, and Mrs. Alice M. Goddard.

The same vote having been passed relative to the recommendation regarding the typewriter, the chair appointed Mrs. Clara H. P. Evans, Mrs. Harriet A. Ralph, and Miss Mary E. Elliot as the committee to purchase the typewriter.

The subject of holding a reception during National Encampment week

in Boston was next considered. Moved by Miss Mecuen that the Department of Massachusetts have a reception, as usual, during National Encampment week in Boston. The motion was duly seconded, and remarks upon the subject made by Mrs. Ralph, Mrs. Gifford, Miss Mecuen, Mrs. Goddard, Mrs. Tirrell, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Warne, Department President, Mrs. Fuller, and Mrs. Beal.

It was the opinion of all the members that a reception should be given as usual, and it was so voted.

Moved by Mrs. Wadsworth that the matter of deciding the time and the arrangements for the reception be left with the Department President, Senior Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Counsellor, and that they be given full power to make all arrangements relating to the reception. [Seconded by Mrs. Noyes, and carried.]

Moved by Mrs. Fuller, seconded by Mrs. Wadsworth, that the Department of Massachusetts keep open house the week of the National Convention, the time to be fixed by the committee. [Carried.]

Moved by Mrs. Wadsworth, seconded by Mrs. Gifford, that the entire Council, with one representative from each corps in Suffolk County, be a committee to devise ways and means for the same. [Carried.]

Mrs. Tirrell moved that the chair appoint a committee of three to secure quarters for the open house. [Seconded by Mrs. Beal, and carried.]

The chair appointed Mrs. Fuller, Chairman, Mrs. Ralph, and Mrs. Evans.

The Department President referred to the absence of Mrs. Ella F. B. Scott, of New York, who for several years, has attended our Convention.

Moved by Mrs. Fuller that a message of greeting be sent Mrs. Scott, and also to General Horace Binney Sargent, Past Department Commander and founder of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts, but now a resident of California. [Seconded by Mrs. Goddard, and carried.]

Moved by Miss Elliot, seconded by Mrs. Tirrell, that the Department President have charge of the arrangements for the "open house" during National Encampment week.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Evans, that the Council adjourn.

Adjourned at 1.30 P.M.

Attest:

MARY E. ELLIOT,
Secretary.

Department President: As there are no corrections to be made in the records, I declare them approved.

A committee from the ladies of the G. A. R. was announced in waiting. The Committee on Courtesies retired and escorted to the platform Mrs. Sargent, Past Department President, Mrs. Jennie Teele and Miss Fletcher

Murphey, Past Circle Presidents of that organization. Mrs. Sargent, chairman, was introduced, and extended the greetings of the ladies of the G. A. R. to the Convention.

After the visitors had retired, Mrs. Warne, Department President, received the gift of a handsome silver, gold-lined olive spoon from Mrs. Sarah A. Fales, on behalf of Corps 80, Westboro, and responded with thanks for the kindly remembrance.

The Secretary, being on duty as a member of the Credential Committee, the records of the second Council meeting were read by Mrs. Knowles, Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Ralph, Department Senior Vice-President, in the chair.

MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENT COUNCIL.

BOSTON, June 28, 1904.

The meeting of the Council was called to order at 1.30 o'clock P.M. by Mrs. Annie M. Warne, Department President.

Prayer by Mrs. Elizabeth P. Sawyer, Department Chaplain.

All the members were present with the exception of Mrs. Mary E. Holbrooke, Department Patriotic Instructor.

Records of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, and approved.

A communication was received from Mrs. Agnes Bartlett, delegate to the National Convention, stating that she would be absent in Europe through the summer, and therefore was obliged to decline her position as a delegate.

On motion of Mrs. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Sawyer, the resignation was accepted.

Moved by Mrs. Evans, seconded by several members, that Mrs. Kate J. Gifford be chosen to fill the vacancy. [Carried.]

Mrs. Gifford was accordingly elected.

Moved by Mrs. Ralph, seconded by Mrs. Sawyer and Miss Mecuen, that, in view of the fact that the national law requires that alternates fill vacancies in the order of their number, we proceed to fill vacancies as heretofore. [Carried.]

Mrs. Josephine Wilcox resigned as a delegate.

Moved by Mrs. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Sawyer, that the resignation be accepted, and that Mrs. Alice G. Sears, of Pittsfield, be chosen to fill the second vacancy in the list. [Carried.]

Mrs. Sears was duly elected.

Mrs. Anna Ellis, Mrs. Mary J. Casey, and Mrs. Brimmer resigned as alternates, and their resignations were by vote accepted.

Mrs. Gifford nominated Mrs. Ada A. Booth, of Fall River, to fill this vacancy in the list of alternates. [Seconded by Miss Mecuen, and carried.] Mrs. Booth was regularly elected.

Mrs. Goddard nominated Mrs. Sylvia B. Lincoln, of Falmouth, to fill

the next vacancy. Seconded by Mrs. Sawyer. [Carried, and Mrs. Lincoln was accordingly elected.]

Mrs. Fuller nominated Mrs. Marcia W. Parkhurst, of Groton, to fill the last vacancy in the list of alternates. Seconded by Mrs. Goddard. [Carried, and Mrs. Parkhurst was duly elected.]

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Ralph (seconded by Mrs. Gifford), that, if other vacancies occur before the National convention, they be filled by the Department President and Secretary.

An invitation was received from Fletcher Corps No. 7 of Brockton for the Department officers to attend the twenty-fifth anniversary of the corps October 28.

On motion of Mrs. Ralph, seconded by all, the invitation was accepted.

Miss Elliot moved that this Council extend to Corps 7 congratulations upon its successful work during the past quarter of a century. [Seconded by Mrs. Sawyer, and carried.]

An invitation was received from the Bristol County Association to attend its next meeting to be held in Eastondale, July 13, and an invitation was extended by Hartsuff Corps No. 137 of Rockland for Department officers to attend its fair.

These courtesies were accepted with thanks.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Wadsworth, that Mrs. Fuller have full power to purchase supplies for the "open house" voted at the last Council meeting as a part of the Encampment Week courtesies, and that she be authorized to expend whatever is necessary for its success. [Carried.]

Miss Mecuen, chairman of the Committee on Telephone, reported that the committee had attended to its duty, and that a telephone had been placed in Headquarters.

Remarks by Mrs. Warne, Department President, and Miss Elliot, Secretary, who referred to the need of the telephone and to the convenience of its service.

Moved by Mrs. Beal, seconded by Mrs. Sawyer, that the report be accepted. [Carried.]

Mrs. Evans, chairman of Committee on Typewriter, reported that a Smith Premier had been purchased at a reduced price from the daughter of a member who had used it but a short time.

Mrs. Evans, in her report, recommended that a typewriter stand be purchased.

Moved by Miss Mecuen, seconded by Mrs. Wadsworth and others, that the report be accepted and recommendation adopted. [Carried.]

Mrs. Warne, Department President, stated that the reception during Encampment Week would probably be held Monday evening, August 16, as that was the only evening not taken for other gatherings. She also stated that a room at the Vendome had been offered her for the reception on the same floor as the National Executive Committee Headquarters, and

that the location of the room would be decided in time for her to make the announcement in General Orders.

Moved by Mrs. Wadsworth, seconded by Miss Mecuen, that the report be accepted, and the matter left in charge of the Department President. [Carried.]

Remarks by the Department President in regard to tendering the use of Department Headquarters to the Press Committee during National Encampment Week.

After discussion it was moved by Mrs. Wadsworth that these Headquarters be kept open for inspection by the members of our Order during Encampment Week, and that the Department President appoint a committee to be on duty here.

Mrs. Fuller offered the following amendment: That these Headquarters be kept open as a rest-room for our members, and that this announcement be made for the information of members of the Order.

The amendment was duly seconded by several, and the motion as amended was carried.

Mrs. Warne, Department President, stated that she had received a communication from President Tucker, of the Sons of Veterans Memorial University at Mason City, Ia.

She further stated that it referred to the fact that the Department of Massachusetts, W. R. C., had the privilege of recommending some one eligible as a free student, and that she had indorsed the application of Miss Johnston, of Leominster, who had been highly recommended as a worthy daughter of a veteran, and was anxious to receive a liberal education.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Evans (seconded by Miss Elliot), that this action of the Department President be indorsed.

A communication was received from Mr. Ira B. Goodrich, theatre manager, regarding a theatrical entertainment for the benefit of the W.R.C. during National Encampment Week in Boston August next.

Moved by Mrs. Fuller, seconded by all, that we notify Mr. Goodrich that we deem it inadvisable to adopt his plan, as we have already undertaken all the work that we can successfully accomplish. [Carried.]

Moved by Miss Mecuen that the chairman of the Executive Board, who is also chairman of the Decorating Committee, be instructed to decorate these Headquarters for Convention Week.

Seconded by Mrs. Sawyer, and carried.

A communication was received from Mrs. Ella L. Breed, chairman of the Woman's Department of the United Commercial Travellers' Exposition, to be held in Mechanics' Building, Boston, October 3-29, asking the co-operation of the Department of Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps.

She suggested that a day be assigned as "a Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps Day," with an appropriate programme under the direction of these organizations. She stated that free tickets would be furnished that day to members.

Remarks in favor of the project were made by Mrs. Fuller.

Moved by Mrs. Wadsworth, seconded by Mrs. Goddard, that the Department of Massachusetts, W. R. C., be represented at the fair, and that a committee of eight be appointed by the Department President to arrange for the same. [Carried.]

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Wadsworth, that the Department President be chairman of this committee. Seconded by Miss Elliot.

The chair then appointed Mrs. Ralph, Mrs. Goddard, Miss Elliot, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Sawyer, Miss Shute, Mrs. Wadsworth, and Mrs. Tirrell.

It was suggested by Mrs. Warne, Department President, that we have a souvenir badge to be sold at the National Convention.

Remarks in favor by Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Goddard.

Mrs. Evans offered the following motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Wadsworth: That we have a souvenir State badge for sale Encampment Week in addition to the regular delegate's badge. [Carried.]

Miss Elliot moved that the expense and design of the badge be left in charge of the Department President, and the committee to be appointed by her. [Seconded by Mrs. Ralph, and carried.]

The chair appointed Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Wadsworth, Mrs. Ralph, Mrs. Goddard, Miss Elliot, Miss Mecuen, and Mrs. Beal.

Remarks by Miss Mecuen in regard to the desire of Mrs. Turner to secure book-shelves for the house at Andersonville, Ga. She moved that Mrs. Turner have full power to spend the money remaining on hand from the collection for Andersonville. [Carried.]

Miss Elliot referred to the serious illness of Captain George W. Creasey, Past Department Commander and Superintendent of the Soldiers' Home. She moved that a telegram of sympathy be sent Mrs. Creasey, matron of the home and a National Aide. [Carried.]

Miss Elliot moved that the Department President have full power to complete all necessary arrangements for our part of the National Convention. [Seconded by several members, and carried.]

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Ralph, that the Council adjourn.

Adjourned at 4.45 o'clock P.M.

Attest:

MARY E. ELLIOT,

Secretary.

Moved by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Wheeler, that the records be approved. [Carried.]

Moved by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Goodale, that a telegram of sympathy be sent to Captain Creasey, Past Department Commander, and Mrs. Creasey. [Carried.]

Miss Tracy, for the Credential Committee, reported.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention:

The Committee on Credentials have attended to the duty assigned them, and make the following report:—

Number entitled to representation:—

Department Officers	16
Past Department Presidents	14
Past National Officers	3
Corps Presidents	173
Past Corps Presidents	169
Delegates	254
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Total	629

Number of voting representatives present; viz.,—

Department Officers	14
Past Department Presidents	9
Past National Officers	3
Corps Presidents	149
Past Corps Presidents	92
Delegates	193
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Total	460

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

MARY E. ELLIOT,
NELLIE A. TRACY,
ETTA B. LYON,
Committee.

Department President: We will now proceed to the election of officers in accordance with vote at the session this morning. I will appoint the tellers, viz.:—

TELLERS FOR THE CONVENTION.

Mrs. Eleanor B. Wheeler, Past National Secretary.
Mrs. Belle A. Russell, Winchendon.
Mrs. Mary S. Langdon, Ipswich.
Mrs. Abbie D. Danforth, Plymouth.
Mrs. Florence Haynes, Salem.

Nominations are now in order for Department President.

ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT.

Mrs. Goodale: It is a privilege that I highly appreciate to have the honor of presenting the name of our Senior Vice-President for promotion to the highest office in the Department. I know of none better fitted for the office of President than Mrs. Harriett A. Ralph, whom I have the pleasure to nominate. Seconded by Mrs. Chase of Chelsea; Mrs. Hammett, President on behalf of Corps 21, Somerville; Mrs. Gould, President for Corps 172 Malden; Mrs. Jose, President for Corps 79, Brighton; and Mrs. Gilman, Mrs. Going, Mrs. Robinson, Past Department Presidents, Mrs. Turner, and many others.

Mrs. Dorcas H. Lyman, Past Department President: I nominate Mrs. Annie M. Warne who has served faithfully the past year. [Applause.]

Mrs. Warne: I have served you to the best of my ability, and will serve my successor with the same interest, but it will be impossible for me to hold the office another year. I thank you for this complimentary nomination.

Mrs. Gilman: I move that we give Mrs. Warne a complimentary vote for the grand work she has done the past year. [Carried by a rising vote.]

Mrs. Turner: I move that, as there is but one candidate, the Department Secretary cast the ballot of the Convention for Mrs. Ralph. Seconded by Mrs. Gilman. [Carried.]

Mrs. Harriett A. Ralph, of Somerville, was duly elected. She was presented by Mrs. Warne, Department President, as her successor, and formally introduced, Mrs. Warne extending congratulations and her pledge of support.

Mrs. Ralph, Department President elect: I appreciate, members of the Convention, the honor you have paid me, and will give you my best efforts. I know that I will have the support of the entire Order in Massachusetts in the work of the office.

Mrs. Annie Hammett, President Willard C. Kinsley Corps 21 of Somerville, presented on behalf of the corps a beautiful cut-glass water bottle to Mrs. Ralph as a "token of love and esteem."

In responding, Mrs. Ralph said: "I accept this gift in the kind spirit I know it is given. Corps 21 has always been loyal to me, and I assure you of my heartfelt thanks."

NOMINATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

Mrs. Kate J. Gifford, of Fall River, nominated "one who has served faithfully and well, Mrs. Alice M. Goddard, the Present Department Junior Vice-President."

Seconded by Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Knowles, Mrs. Lyman; Mrs. Mary E. Alger, President, on behalf of Fletcher Webster Corps 7 of Brockton; Corps 1, Fitchburg; Mrs. Gilman; Corps 10, Chelsea; Corps 16, Melrose; Corps 40, Everett; Mrs. Going; Mrs. Crosby of Wakefield; Corps 79, Brighton; Corps

90, Gardner; Corps 44 of Marshfield; Corps 11 of Worcester; Corps 25, Waltham; Corps 13, Norwell; Corps 26, Newburyport; Corps 93, Beverly Farms; Corps 97, Lexington; Corps 121, Scituate; Corps 136, Whitman; Corps 135, South Hadley; Mrs. Jennie M. Tower, President, on behalf of Corps 137, Rockland; Mrs. Gould, President, on behalf of Corps 172, Malden; and Corps 174, South Framingham. Moved by Mrs. Gilman that the Secretary cast the ballot of the Convention for Mrs. Goddard. Seconded by Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Turner. [Carried.]

Mrs. Goddard was accordingly unanimously elected.

The Department President congratulated Mrs. Goddard upon her faithful services of many years, and formally introduced her to the Convention.

Mrs. Goddard, Department Senior Vice-President-elect: I thank you, and assure you I value your confidence, and will try to be a credit to the office.

Mrs. Alger, President of Corps 7, Brockton, presented, on behalf of the Corps, a gift to the newly elected Senior Vice-President of the Department. Mrs. Goddard responded by saying, "This is another expression of the good will and support of my own Corps."

Mrs. Warne, Department President, received the gift of a handsome cut-glass dish from Mrs. Mary A. White, President, Thomas G. Stevenson Corps 63 of Roxbury, on behalf of the Corps. A gift of flowers from the Daughters of Veterans of Waltham was presented to Mrs. Warne, who responded with an expression of thanks.

NOMINATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

Mrs. Turner nominated Mrs. Lue Stuart Wadsworth, referring to her work for the living flag, and to her efficient efforts in behalf of the National Convention in Boston. She felt that Mrs. Wadsworth had earned the office by her service for the order. Seconded by Mrs. Holbrooke.

Mrs. Robinson: I present the name of a woman who has been in this work since 1885, a member of the oldest Corps in the State, E. V. Sumner Corps 1 of Fitchburg, and I nominate Mrs. Annie C. Shattuck, whose faithful work entitles her to this recognition.

Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Lyman seconded the nomination of Mrs. Wadsworth.

Mrs. Villie Hitchings of Lynn: The members of Gen. Lander Corps believe themselves entitled to representation on the Board of Department Officers, and I nominate a woman who has worked hard for many years, Mrs. S. Jennie Tirrell. Seconded by Mrs. Johnson, President, on behalf of Corps 29, Lynn.

Mrs. Tuttle, Past President Corps 20, South Boston, seconded the nomination of Mrs. Wadsworth, reviewing at length her services for that Corps and for the Order. She believed "her work is worthy our recognition."

Mrs. Goddard seconded the nomination of Mrs. Shattuck, saying, "I have worked with her for years."

Mrs. Knowles seconded the nomination of Mrs. Shattuck, saying: "I have been a member of this Order twenty-one years. I have watched Mrs. Shattuck and her progress, and to-day I feel proud to second the nomination of Mrs. Shattuck. I am loyal in my belief that the Corps that first took up the work of this Order in the sincerest spirit is entitled to this honor."

Mrs. Gilman seconded the nomination of Mrs. Shattuck, "who has shown her ability at all times, and has always proved herself willing at all times to do her duty."

Mrs. Going: Mrs. Shattuck has served efficiently as a member of the Department Executive Board, and I heartily indorse her.

Mrs. Ralph, Department Senior Vice-President, occupied the chair. Others who seconded the nomination of Mrs. Shattuck were Corps 39, Charlestown, Corps 90, Gardner, Corps 124, Plymouth, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Chipman of Waltham, Corps 7, Brockton, Corps 113, Westminster, Corps 165, Enfield, Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Tirrell, who declined the nomination and seconded the name of Mrs. Shattuck.

Miss Ella K. Boss, President E. V. Sumner Corps 1 of Fitchburg: It gives me pleasure to second the nomination of Mrs. Shattuck, and I bring a grand indorsement from the Post in Fitchburg. She is serving her ninth year as Corps Secretary. She has stepped aside in former years to give the honor to others.

Mrs. Hammett, President Corps 21, Somerville, seconded the nomination of Mrs. Shattuck, and she also received the indorsement of Corps 18, Northampton; Corps 38, Holyoke; Corps 83, Groton; Mrs. Beal; Mrs. Peniman of Corps 103, Quincy; Corps 22, Westfield; Corps 72, Milford; Corps 14, Springfield; Corps 97, Lexington; Mrs. Ella J. Fuller, President Corps 5, Medford, on behalf of the Corps; Corps 40, Everett; Corps 13, Norwell; Corps 77, Gloucester; Corps 65, Stoneham; Corps 172, Malden; Corps 2, Cambridge; Miss Shute, President Corps 134, Cottage City, on behalf of herself and the Corps; Corps 82, Athol; Corps 11, Worcester; Corps 90, Gardner; Corps 25, Waltham; Corps 121, Scituate, and Corps 174 of South Framingham.

The nomination of Mrs. Wadsworth was also seconded by Corps 8, Middleboro; Corps 10, Chelsea; Corps 34, Salem; Corps 59, Watertown; Corps 68, Dorchester; Corps 89, Franklin; Corps 93, Beverly Farms; Corps 100, Canton; and by Mrs. White, President Corps 63, Roxbury, and Mrs. Blanchard, Past President Corps 16, Melroe.

While the ballots were being counted, Mrs. Draper, President Corps 25, Waltham, presented Mrs. Warne, Department President, three five-dollar gold pieces on behalf of the Corps, saying: "They are typical of your work which has been golden."

In expressing thanks, Mrs. Warne said: "I shall be at home and ready to work at the next meeting."

Remarks by Mrs. Fannie M. Jones, chairman Committee on Luncheon,

who stated that the Ladies' Aid Society of the church will provide supper, if a sufficient number of members desire it.

The Secretary read the records of Council meeting held July 19.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING DEPARTMENT COUNCIL.

BOSTON, July 19, 1905.

A special meeting of the Department Council was called by order of Mrs. Annie M. Warne, Department President, who authorized the issuance of notices to members, as follows:—

That the meeting would be held to take action regarding the request of the Press Committee for use of Headquarters during National Convention Week, and to consider the advisability of reconsidering the vote whereby it was decided to keep headquarters open as a "rest-room for members of the Order" during Encampment Week.

The meeting was called to order at ten o'clock A.M. by Mrs. Warne, Department President.

Prayer by Mrs. Sawyer, Department Chaplain.

The following members were present at the opening:—

Mrs. Annie M. Warne, President; Mrs. Harriett A. Ralph, Senior Vice-President; Mrs. Alice M. Goddard, Junior Vice-President; Miss Mary E. Elliot, Secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth P. Sawyer, Chaplain; Miss Sarah L. Mecuen, Inspector; Mrs. Mary E. Holbrooke, Patriotic Instructor; Mrs. Lue Stuart Wadsworth, chairman Executive Board; and Mrs. S. Jennie Tirrell and Mrs. Mary A. Beal of the Executive Board.

(Mrs. C. Elizabeth Robbins Berry, Department Press Correspondent, entered later.)

Mrs. Warne, Department President, stated that since last Council meeting it was deemed advisable by several members to tender the use of Department Headquarters to the Press Committee, and that she had therefore called this meeting, with the hope that favorable action would be taken upon the request of the Press Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Ralph that we reconsider the action whereby we voted to keep these Headquarters open as a rest-room during Convention.

The motion was seconded by Miss Mecuen and others.

A communication was received from Mrs. Evans, who said, "Please consider me as favorable to the change in plans, and I most heartily indorse the action proposed."

Miss Shute, Department Instituting and Installing Officer, sent a communication, in which she wrote: "I think Mrs. Warne's idea, that Headquarters should be open for the representatives of the press during the week of the Convention, an excellent one, and think the action taken at the last meeting should be reconsidered."

Mrs. Gifford and Mrs. Noyes, of the Executive Board, also wrote expressing their willingness to indorse any action taken by the Council upon this subject.

Remarks in favor of the motion were made by Miss Mecuen and Mrs. Ralph, who felt that this was a courtesy due the Press Committee.

Mrs. Wadsworth stated that, while she would be pleased to have these Headquarters open under the auspices of the Department of Massachusetts, W.R.C., she would not object to the reconsideration of the vote.

Mrs. Berry, who entered during the discussion, favored reconsideration.

Miss Elliot, chairman of the Press Committee, stated that upon investigation by members of the committee it was learned that a suitable room could not be hired without a large expense.

The motion was placed before the Council, and carried.

Mrs. Ralph then offered the following motion:—

That we tender Department Headquarters, W. R. C., to the Executive Committee of Arrangements for the National Convention in Boston for use of the Press Committee, the Executive Committee to pay whatever expense may be incurred for entertaining during the week.

Seconded by several members, and unanimously carried.

On motion of Mrs. Ralph, seconded by Mrs. Goddard and others,—

Voted, that the Press Committee be authorized to select a list of aides to be on duty at Press Headquarters during each day of Encampment Week, and that the list be submitted to the Department President for approval.

Moved by Mrs. Sawyer, seconded by Mrs. Beal, that the Council adjourn. Adjourned at 10.30 A.M.

Attest:

MARY E. ELLIOT,
Secretary.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Morse of Arlington, that the minutes be approved.

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF DEPARTMENT COUNCIL.

BOSTON, Jan. 28, 1905.

The fourth meeting of the Department Council was called to order by Mrs. Annie M. Warne, Department President, at 1.40 o'clock P.M. All the members were present with the exception of Mrs. Clara H. B. Evans, Counsellor, Miss Hattie L. Shute, Instituting and Installing Officer, Mrs. Kate J. Gifford, and Mrs. Sarah B. Noyes, of the Executive Board.

Prayer by Mrs. Elizabeth P. Sawyer, Department Chaplain.

Records of the last meeting of the Council were read by the Secretary, and approved.

Mrs. Lue Stuart Wadsworth, chairman of the Executive Board, read the following report:—

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE BOARD.

BOSTON, Jan. 28, 1905.

Mrs. President and Members of the Council: As chairman of the Department Executive Board, I have the honor to render the following report for the year 1904.

The meetings of the Board have been held in connection with those of the Executive Council. At the first Council meeting, held February 11, the unfinished business of the Twenty-fifth Department Convention, referred to this Council for action, was disposed of. At this meeting the Executive Board elected as Auditing Committee for the year Mrs. S. Jennie Tirrell, chairman, Mrs. Kate J. Gifford, and Mrs. Mary A. Beal.

At the second Council meeting, held June 28, the Council voted "to keep open house" during National Convention, and Mrs. Tirrell, Mrs. Beal, and Mrs. Wadsworth, of the Executive Board, were appointed members of this Special Committee, other members of committee being appointed from the Corps in Suffolk County.

A Special Council Meeting was held July 19, at which meeting the matter of decoration of Department Headquarters during the National Convention was discussed, and placed in my hands for execution. Through the kindness of Mr. C. P. Buckman, of Tremont Temple, I was enabled to have the decorations without expense to the Department.

The fourth and final meeting of the Board was held this date, at which the arrangements for the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention were completed.

While the members of the Board have been ready at all times to respond to any call made upon them, very little has been required of them other than the work for National Convention.

As the members of the Board bear their own expenses when attending social gatherings, etc., I feel that it is but justice to them to report their individual work, which shows that they have spared neither time nor money in doing their part in the promotion of the work of our Order.

Mrs. S. Jennie Tirrell reports that she has visited four Corps, inspected two Corps, and has attended six Corps anniversaries, one of the Sons of Veterans, three receptions to Department officers, seven exemplifications, eleven County Association meetings, at one of which she represented the Department President, attended all meetings of the Council, and was on duty at Headquarters two days. In addition to this she served on committees of National Encampment. She turned over to Department Relief Fund \$2.90, that being the amount of her inspection expenses.

Mrs. Kate J. Gifford reports "that she has attended five County Association meetings, three exemplifications, three receptions to Department officers, inspected three Corps, attended meeting of the Council and Auditing Committee. As a member of the Committee on the National Convention,

she attended all but three of its meetings. In addition to the Department work, she has been active in her own Corps, of which she is its Secretary."

Mary A. Beal reports "that she has attended all meetings of the Council and Auditing Committee, four receptions to Department officers, eight County Association gatherings, four exemplifications, inspected two Corps, installed the officers of one Corps, visited ten Corps. As a member of the Executive Committee of the National Convention, she attended all its meetings, and was on duty at Department Headquarters one day. She has turned over to the Department Relief Fund \$1.30, that being the amount of her expenses of inspections."

Mrs. Sarah B. Noyes reports "that she has attended one exemplification, one reception to Department officers, two Council meetings, all meetings of the Berkshire County Association, inspected two Corps, written several letters relative to the work of the Order, and attended the National Convention. When we consider the greater distances and the lesser advantages for travelling which prevail in the western section of the State, I congratulate Mrs. Noyes on the work she has performed. She turned over eighty cents to the Department Relief Fund, that being the amount of her expenses for inspection.

As chairman, I have attended ten County Association meetings, five Corps anniversaries, four exemplifications, inspected four Corps, two receptions to Department officers, installed the officers of six Corps, delivered a patriotic address for one Corps, also one Memorial Day address, and drilled a class of children for a Flag Drill at Watertown. I served as chairman of Committee on Decorations and secretary of the Accommodation and Lunch Committees of the National Convention. In addition to the above I planned and managed a "Living Flag," consisting of two thousand school children. I have contributed my inspection expenses of \$3.46 to the Department Relief Fund.

All the members of the Board have served as officers in their respective Corps.

The year just closing has been an eventful one in the history of this Department, and I feel that this Executive Board has made a record of which it need not be ashamed. Let us enter into the new year resolved that we will each do our part in carrying out the principles for which we stand pledged, ever bearing in remembrance that we are the auxiliary of the grandest Order in the world.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.,

LUE STUART WADSWORTH,
Chairman Department Executive Board.

S. JENNIE TIRRELL.
MARY A. BEAL.

The report was accepted on motion of Miss Mecuen, seconded by Mrs. Goddard.

Mrs. Sawyer moved, seconded by Mrs. Holbrooke, that we extend a vote of thanks to the members of the Executive Board for their excellent work.

Remarks by Mrs. Fuller, who complimented the faithful work of the Auditing Committee, representing the Executive Board.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Wadsworth, chairman, on behalf of the Board acknowledged the vote just passed.

Letters read from Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Noyes, regretting their absence.

Miss Elliot read the following Report of Committee on Libraries:—

Mrs. President,—Bound copies of Department Journal, 1904, have been presented as follows:—

State Library of Massachusetts.

Library of Harvard University.

Library of Yale College.

Department Headquarters, G. A. R.

Essex Institute.

Massachusetts Historical Society.

American Antiquarian Society.

Library of Princeton College.

New Hampshire State Library.

Library of the War Department, Washington, D.C.

Minnesota Historical Society.

East Boston Public Library.

Medford Public Library.

State Library, Albany, N.Y.

Acknowledgments from these libraries have been filed in a special book kept for this purpose.

Unbound copies have been furnished Hon. Samuel A. Green, Secretary and Librarian Massachusetts Historical Society, for distribution to libraries in other sections of the country.

Report accepted on motion of Mrs. Terrill, seconded by Mrs. Beal.

Remarks by the Department President in regard to the "open house" during Encampment Week at the Vendome, and to the work of the committee in charge, Mrs. Richards, Senior Department Aide, and others.

Mrs. Gilman, chairman, Mrs. Going, secretary, and Mrs. Jones, treasurer of the Executive Committee of Arrangements for the National Convention in Boston, were present by invitation of the Department President.

Mrs. Gilman, being introduced, inquired if she should read her report as chairman in full.

As all the members of the Council had heard the report when read by Mrs. Gilman at the final meeting of the Executive Committee, it was moved by Mrs. Ralph that we waive the reading of the full report of the chairman of the National Executive Committee. [Seconded by Mrs. Sawyer, and carried.]

Mrs. Gilman then read the recommendation that the sum of \$729 remaining be placed in the Department Relief Fund.

Mrs. Gilman called upon Mrs. Fannie M. Jones to read the report of the treasurer.

The money, bills, etc., were then officially turned over to the Department Council.

Mrs. Sawyer moved, seconded by Mrs. Goddard, that we accept the report, and extend a rising vote of thanks to the chairman, secretary, and treasurer of the National Executive Committee. [Carried.]

Mrs. Wadsworth offered the following motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. Goddard.

That this Council heartily approves the action of the Executive Committee in placing the surplus money in the Department Relief Fund, from the fact that we feel that it will be the wish of every member that it be credited to the administration of 1904. [Carried.]

Mrs. Fuller, who had been ill, and was present at Headquarters for the first time for three weeks, was presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers from the members, and expressed her thanks for the gift.

Remarks by Mrs. Fuller in regard to the presentation of a flag to some high school in Boston that has no flag, in accordance with instructions in National General Orders.

She then offered the following motion: That we present a silk flag to some school to be named by the Council, at our evening campfire, February 15, and that the expense of the same be borne by the Department Treasury. Seconded by Mrs. Ralph. Remarks by Mrs. Warne, Department President, Mrs. Holbrooke, Department Patriotic Instructor, and Mrs. Fuller. [Carried.]

Mrs. Ralph moved that, if the East Boston High School has no flag, Mrs. Fuller be invited to present a flag to that school. Seconded by Mrs. Sawyer and others. [Carried.]

Miss Elliot, Department Secretary, stated that since the last Department General Orders were issued the quarterly reports had been received and tabulated, and that there had been a gain of 416 in membership the past year, which entitles the Department of Massachusetts to an additional delegate and alternate to National Convention.

Mrs. Tirrell moved that the Department President and Secretary be empowered to present the name of said delegate and alternate to the Nominating Committee. [Seconded by Mrs. Sawyer, and carried.]

The following agreement regarding lunches at the People's Temple, dur-

ing the two days of the Convention, was read: The Relief Corps shall take eight hundred meal tickets at twenty-five cents each. Meals to be served in the upper room.

No lunches shall be brought into the Temple to be eaten there. Any lunches that are eaten in the Temple shall be paid for by the Department, W. R. C., at the rate of twenty-five cents each.

The rental price shall be the same as last year.

Mrs. Beal moved, seconded by all, that we sustain the Department President in her action, and that the entire matter be left with the Department President. [Carried.]

Moved by Mrs. Ralph that we entertain the Army Nurses who may be present at the Convention by presenting them tickets to the luncheons. [Seconded by Mrs. Goddard, and carried.]

Moved by Mrs. Goddard, seconded by Miss Mecuen, that National and Past National Officers, and also Department and Past Department officers from other States, who may be present, be entertained at lunch. [Carried.]

Remarks by the Department President in regard to the great work of the Department Relief Committee.

Mrs. Goddard moved, seconded by Mrs. Beal, that a letter of thanks be sent the Department Relief Committee. [Carried.]

Mrs. Warne, Department President, announced that Mrs. Knowles had been chosen as the Assistant Secretary for the Convention.

Moved by Mrs. Ralph, seconded by Mrs. Sawyer, that the sum of ten dollars be paid her for her services. [Carried.]

Mrs. Warne referred to the gift of a framed portrait of Mrs. Clara H. B. Evans, Past Department President, from W. W. Rockwell, Corps 37, of Pittsfield, which is appreciated.

Mrs. Ralph offered the following motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Goddard: That a vote of thanks be sent Corps 37 of Pittsfield for its gift of a portrait of Mrs. Evans. [Carried.]

Mrs. Ralph moved that the thanks of this Council be extended Mr. Elmer E. Chickering, the official photographer of the G.A.R., for his valuable gift of a large framed group picture of the chairmen of the sub-committees of the Executive Committee for the National Convention, for Department Headquarters. [Seconded by all, and carried.]

Mrs. Wadsworth moved, seconded by Mrs. Berry, that a vote of thanks be sent Mr. C. P. Buckman, decorator, for his kindness in decorating Department Headquarters for Encampment Week. [Carried.]

A communication was received from the Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, regarding rooms for National Encampment Week.

Remarks by Mrs. Warne.

Mrs. Wadsworth moved that the Department President be authorized to engage the rooms. [Seconded by Mrs. Sawyer, and carried.]

A letter was received from Mrs. Knowles, acknowledging with thanks the gift of the silk flag voted her by the Council.

Mrs. Warne, Department President, reported the arrangements thus far made for the evening exercises February 15, and stated that the Convention will open promptly at 10 A.M. on the fourteenth (14th).

Moved by Mrs. Wadsworth that the Department President be authorized to procure hotel accommodations for National Officers who may be guests of the Department. Seconded by Mrs. Terrell. [Carried.]

Mrs. Sawyer moved that this Council extend to the Department President a rising vote of appreciation for her kind, conscientious, and earnest work throughout the year. [Carried.]

Remarks by Mrs. Ralph, Mrs. Goddard, Mrs. Sawyer, Miss Elliot, Mrs. Tirrell, and other members, expressive of their appreciation of Mrs. Warne for her kindness and consideration in all the work.

In responding to this vote, Mrs. Warne referred to the aid she had received in her official work from "every member present and the absent ones, who had all worked in a spirit of helpfulness," and added, "I am ready at all times to do what I can to advance the cause."

Remarks by Mrs. Berry, Department Press Correspondent, regarding the Grand Army Journal of New York, to which she is a regular contributor. She stated that it is edited by a woman, and, though the official organ of the Grand Army and W.R.C. of New York, has news from other Departments, and is conducted on a broad plan.

She had been asked to distribute sample copies with circulars, at Department Convention, and this request was granted.

Mrs. Wadsworth moved that we subscribe for a copy of the Journal for the Soldiers' Home. [Seconded by Mrs. Sawyer, and carried.]

Remarks by the Department President in regard to the Commercial Travellers' Exposition, held in Mechanics' Building October last. She reported that the instructions of the Council had been carried out, that October 23 was observed as Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps Day.

The programme, which consisted of addresses by Department Commander Field, and Mrs. Warne, Department President, readings, music, singing, and a drill by Corps Color Bearers, was appreciated.

Courtesies were extended by the managers of the fair.

Mrs. Warne further stated that the expense was not heavy, and that members of the two organizations were admitted to the fair by their badges.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Ralph, that we adjourn.

Adjourned at 4.15 P.M.

Attest:

MARY E. ELLIOT,
Secretary.

Moved by Mrs. Venables, of Chelsea, seconded by Mrs. Turner, that the minutes of the fourth Council meeting be approved. [Carried.]

Mrs. Turner: There is a matter I wish to present to the Convention at this time. It is the indorsement of Mrs. Mary L. Gilman, who has been chairman of the National Executive Board, and is the Chief of Staff this year, as a Massachusetts candidate as the prospective National President whenever Massachusetts again decides to present a candidate for that office. You all know Mrs. Gilman's grand work as Department President, and her success as chairman of the Executive Committee of Arrangements for the National Convention in Boston. We know her also as the wife of John E. Gilman, Past Department Commander.

The name of Mrs. Gilman as a future candidate for National President was heartily indorsed by Mrs. Going, Mrs. Sawyer, Thomas G. Stevenson Corps 63 of Roxbury, of which Mrs. Gilman is a member, Mrs. Warne (who assumed the chair), Mrs. Ralph, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Fuller, who said, "It will give me great pleasure to work for her," Miss Elliot, Mrs. Lyman, and Mrs. Reed.

Mrs. Gilman, in acknowledging this expression of the Convention in her honor, said, "Whether or not I am ever elected National President, this action of the Convention will always be a pleasant memory, and from the depths of my heart I thank you for this indorsement."

The Department of Massachusetts Daughters of Veterans, Miss Althea Field, President, sent a beautiful gift of flowers and their greetings to the Department President for the Convention, which Mrs. Warne gracefully acknowledged.

A handsome bouquet of flowers was presented to Miss Elliot, Department Secretary, by Mrs. Annie Hammet, President Corps 21, Somerville, who expressed, on behalf of the Corps, the regard of its members. Miss Elliot expressed her heartfelt thanks for this additional testimony of the esteem of the Corps of which she is so proud to be a member.

Mrs. Lizzie M. Richards, Department Senior Aide, in a pleasing and complimentary manner, presented a gift of \$135.00 to Mrs. Warne, Department President, on behalf of her Aides and Assistant Inspectors.

Mrs. Warne accepted this gift as a "love offering" from her faithful workers on her staff, whose efforts for the Department she appreciated, and assured them this generous gift was also appreciated.

The tellers reported the following as the result of the ballot for Junior Vice-President:—

Whole number of votes cast	440
Necessary for a choice	221
Mrs. W. Swarth received	176
Mrs. Annie C. Shattuck	263
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And Mrs. Annie C. Shattuck, of Fitchburg was elected. She was presented by Mrs. Wadsworth, and introduced by the Department President.

Mrs. Shattuck thanked the Convention for this indorsement, and pledged her allegiance to the work of the Order.

She was presented a silver dish on behalf of Corps 1 of Fitchburg, Miss Ella K. Boss, President, expressing the regard of the members and their pleasure at her election.

Mrs. Wadsworth received a silver dish from Corps 20, South Boston, the President, Mrs. Mary K. O'Brien, voicing the sentiments of the Corps in expressing appreciation for her efforts in its behalf.

Corps 28, Miss M. Belle Martin President, expressed regard for Mrs. Wadsworth by presenting her a bunch of roses.

ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER.

Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, who has served faithfully as Treasurer since the Department Convention of 1892, was again nominated by Mrs. Turner. Delegates representing many Corps seconded this nomination, and it was unanimously voted that the Secretary cast the ballot of the Convention for Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller.

She was accordingly elected, and, upon being introduced by the chair, was greeted with the handkerchief salute, and with such hearty applause that it was several minutes before she could respond. When acknowledging the honor conferred and the enthusiastic greeting, Mrs. Fuller referred to her pleasant associations with the Corps Treasurers, and with all the workers whom she had the pleasure of meeting.

Mrs. Frances E. Somerby, President Corps 3, East Boston, of which Mrs. Fuller is a member, presented her a handsome plate and five dollars in silver as a token of regard from the Corps, for which the recipient expressed her appreciation.

ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

Mrs. Bullock, of Everett, nominated Mrs. Elizabeth E. Hayward, of South Framingham. Seconded by Mrs. Turner, Corps 174, South Framingham, Mrs. Sawyer, the present Chaplain, Mrs. Knowles, and many others.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Turner, that the Secretary cast the ballot of the Convention for Mrs. Elizabeth E. Hayward.

She was duly elected and introduced, promising her best endeavors to the work of her office.

She was presented a beautiful basket of flowers by Mrs. Anna J. James, President Corps 174, on behalf of its members.

When responding, Mrs. Hayward said, "I deeply appreciate all that my Corps has done for me."

The following communication was received:—

MASSACHUSETTS FLORAL EMBLEM SOCIETY,

ROXBURY, MASS., Feb. 14, 1905.

Mrs. ANNIE M. WARNE,

Department President Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps:

My dear Mrs. Warne: It is with grief and sorrow that I have found, on former Memorial Days, the graves of soldiers of our Civil War in a forlorn and neglected condition, and unfit to receive the loving tributes of their comrades of the Grand Army. Will you, as Department President of that noble organization, the Woman's Relief Corps, officially inaugurate a movement which will insure that never again on Memorial Day shall a Soldier's grave be found *knee-deep in grass*?

It is very simple. Will you instruct every Corps in Massachusetts to request the trustees of every cemetery within their neighborhood to see to it that before Memorial Day the grass in every lot in which a Soldier lies buried shall be cut, and the grave put in proper condition to receive the flags and flowers?

I should be very glad if the Department of Massachusetts would memorialize the National Society, W.R.C., and thus extend the movement over the entire country.

Gladly placing this matter in your hands, and trusting that a resolution may be passed in the Convention, I am

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

ELIZABETH MERRITT GOSSE,

President Floral Emblem Society.

(Member Thomas G. Stevenson Corps No. 63, Roxbury.)

Moved by Miss Elliot, seconded by Mrs. Knowles, that the communication be referred to the Committee on Resolutions. [Carried.]

Mrs. Knowles: I move that this Convention meet to-morrow morning at 9.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Turner: I offer an amendment that the hour for opening the morning session be ten o'clock.

The motion as amended was seconded by several members, and carried.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Knowles, that we now adjourn to meet this evening at 7 o'clock.

Adjourned at 6 o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The evening session of the Convention was called to order at seven o'clock by Mrs. Warne, Department President, who instructed the Conductors to take the password.

Miss Marion E. Shattuck, of Fitchburg, was invited to serve as pianist.

After the opening ceremonies the Conductors reported all correct in the password.

Records of the morning session read by the Secretary, and approved.

Mrs. Knowles announced the election of Department Commander James H. Wolff, Senior Vice-Department Commander Colonel J. Payson Bradley, and Junior Vice-Department Commander D. H. L. Gleason at the Grand Army Encampment this afternoon; and their names were greeted with applause.

Remarks by Mrs. Turner, chairman of the Andersonville Prison Board, who announced that she would take up a collection to-morrow for roses for Andersonville.

Mrs. Turner read the following

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GIFTS TO ANDERSONVILLE.

Mrs. President: I wish to make a report to you of what Massachusetts has done the past year for Andersonville.

Henry Clay Wade Corps, 134 Cottage City, one year's subscription for *Munsey's Magazine*.

Hattie L. Shute, one year's subscription for *National Tribune*.

Books from Corps 32, North Adams.

Books from Dr. N. E. Brown, North Adams.

Books from Corps 124, Plymouth.

Books from Corps 46, Saugus.

Books from Corps 11, Worcester.

Books from Corps 113, Westminster.

Books from Corps 95, New Bedford.

Books from Corps 136, Whitman.

Books from Corps 53, New Bedford.

Books from Corps 63, Roxbury.

Youth's Companion, one year's subscription, Corps 170, East Bridge-water.

Box books, Mrs. J. Gould, Boston.

A handsome Wernicke bookcase from Department Massachusetts W.R.C.

Two handsome flags. One storm flag from Past Department Commander (G.A.R.) W. A. Wetherbee.

A flag from General Lander Post 5, Lynn, was raised over Providence Spring on Memorial Day in memory of Past Commander-in-Chief Captain J. G. B. Adams, who was an honored member of that Post.

One large framed picture of Governor John L. Bates was sent by Charles G. Davis in behalf of the Andersonville Monument Commission of Massachusetts, Governor Bates having delivered the address at the dedication of the monument when he was lieutenant-governor.

LIZABETH A. TURNER,
Chairman Andersonville Board.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR AIDE.

WALTHAM, MASS., Feb. 1, 1905.

MISS MARY ELLIOT,

Department Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: As Senior Aide of the Department of Massachusetts for the year 1904, I have the honor to submit the following report:—

Having accepted the appointment to this office, I have performed the duties to the best of my ability. During the week of National Convention in Boston I assisted the Department President in the care of our Headquarters at the Vendome. The duties were very pleasant ones, and I shall always remember with pride the many glowing words of praise spoken of the hospitality of the Department of Massachusetts. It was my privilege to be one of the Committee on Reception tendered by Massachusetts to the Grand Army and visiting guests; was also chairman of the Massachusetts Badge Committee. During the year I received many reports from Department Aides. Most of the letters show a marked degree of interest in the work, and all report perfect harmony existing between Post and Corps. One Aide reports a Corps of eighty-six members, that has presented its Post with two flags and over \$100.00, also presented three flags to the public schools. Another reports her work among the hospital wards at the Soldiers' Home, and her care of some of the Army Nurses. She says she "finds it a pleasant duty to brighten the way for them as they go down the western slope of life." One writes, "We went from the Convention last August full of enthusiasm and with new determination to do more than ever before for the Veteran and his dependent ones." This spirit of earnestness seemed to pervade all the communications I received. I have been most courteously received by all the Corps I have had the pleasure of visiting, and extend my sincere thanks.

To the Department President, Mrs. Annie M. Warne, I tender my grateful appreciation of all the favors she has extended to me during the past

year. I wish also to congratulate her upon the success attending her administration.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

LIZZIE M. RICHARDS,
Department Senior Aide.

Mrs. Goodale, chairman of Committee on Chaplain's Report, read the following

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention:
Your Committee on Department Chaplain's Report beg leave to submit the following:—

This interesting, comprehensive report should be read by every delegate with painstaking care, as from it valuable information may be obtained for use in conducting exercises on Memorial Day.

The committee wish to emphasize the importance of promptness on the part of Corps Chaplains in sending reports to Department Chaplain, for in this way alone can our Department be credited with timely, satisfactory work.

Our Department Chaplain has given evidence of the wisdom of her election to this sacred office.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

M. SUSAN GOODALE,
MINNIE M. MARTIN,
HARRIET H. HOYT,
MINNIE F. TABER,
Committee.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Turner, that the report be accepted.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Ralph, that congratulations be forwarded from this Convention to the newly elected officers of the Department of Massachusetts G.A.R.

Mrs. Warne, Department President: I have been informed that the Committee on Greetings to the Grand Army Encampment will be received at Faneuil Hall to-morrow morning at 10.30 o'clock.

Miss Tracy for the Committee on Credentials reported that the Credential Cards had been compared with the Convention Roll-book, showing a total of 460 entitled to vote, as reported at the afternoon session.

Moved by Mrs. Hunt of Worcester, seconded by Mrs. Taber, of New Bedford, that the report be accepted. [Carried.]

Mrs. Reynolds, chairman, read

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICER'S
REPORT.

Mrs. President: We have the honor to render the following report:—

Your committee have carefully examined the report, and congratulate the Instituting and Installing Officer on the very excellent work she has accomplished, and would recommend that the report be accepted.

Submitted in F., C., and L.,

MARY J. REYNOLDS,
ALICE P. SMOTH,
NETTIE M. LAMBERT,
LILLIE A. SWIFT,

Committee.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Lovejoy, of Ayer, that the report be accepted.

The following telegram was read by Mrs. Knowles, Assistant Secretary:—

SHULTSBURG, Wis., Feb. 14.

ANNIE M. WARNE,

At People's Church, cor. Columbus Avenue and Berkeley Street.

Ellen J. Weatherby, Department President, sends greetings from Wisconsin to Massachusetts Convention.

LUELLA SIMPSON,
Department Secretary.

Letters were received as follows:—

GLEN ECHO, MD., Feb. 9, 1905.

MRS. ANNIE M. WARNE,

*Department President, Mass. W.R.C.,
Waltham, Mass.*

My dear Mrs. Warne: Tender thanks for your loving and welcome invitation to the coming anniversary.

I shall "waft many kind thoughts on the wave of memory to dear old Massachusetts" and the gentle leader of its W.R.C.

The day is near at hand. May it be fraught with pleasure to the dear and loyal women who will consecrate it to patriotism and benevolence.

My regret is that I cannot be with you in person, but in spirit I will be with you *all*.

Pray the good Father to bless the day which you will consecrate to his uses. With love to all,

Your sister in F., C., L.,

CLARA BARTON.

CONCORD, N.H., Feb. 7, 1905.

MISS MARY E. ELLIOT,
Secretary, Department Mass. W.R.C.

My dear Miss Elliot: May I at this late day express my great pleasure in accepting the very kind invitation of your grand Department to meet with you next week in convention, also my appreciation of being included among the guests at your twenty-sixth anniversary?

The consciousness of being, by this late acceptance, guilty of a breach of good breeding beyond repair gives me deep regret. The first delay was in waiting for Mrs. Minot's decision as to her programme, then followed busy days, each morning bringing matter for immediate attention, each night finding something undone.

With full confidence in your charity, I remain,

Gratefully yours,

HELEN MCGREGOR AYERS,
National Secretary.

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Feb. 12, 1905.

My dear Mrs. Warne: Nothing I can think of would give me more pleasure than to be present at *your* Convention. But I am just recovering from a severe attack of grip, and my work has accumulated to such an extent I would not feel justified in leaving it. Many of my dear treasurers have been waiting so patiently for their supplies, I think it my duty to remain at home, and attend to these pressing duties. I thank you *VERY* much for your kind invitation, and I assure you it does my heart good to know you *want* me with you. You have my sincere wishes for a pleasant and profitable Convention, and I *will* be with you in spirit, and shall see you all in my mind's eye as you are gathered together in that place so familiar to me, the People's Church. God bless *you* and all my dear coworkers in Massachusetts!

Yours faithfully,

SARAH E. PHILLIPS,
National Treasurer.

BRADFORD, VT., Feb. 13, 1905.

MARY E. ELLIOT,
Department Secretary, Mass. W.R.C.,
 Boston, Mass.

Dear Miss Elliot: Your very cordial invitation in behalf of your Department President to attend the annual Convention of the Department of Massachusetts, February 14 and 15, was received, with appreciation. I regret, more than words can tell you, that I am unable to accept your courtesy. With kindest wishes for the success of the "Banner Department," I am,

Most cordially yours,

CALISTA ROBINSON JONES,
National Counselor, W.R.C.

ILION, N.Y., Feb. 9, 1905.

ANNIE M. WARNE,
Department President.

Dear Mrs. Warne: I regret I cannot accept your kind invitation to be present at your Department Convention. I realize that loyal Massachusetts finds it difficult to find one of its schools without a flag. Nevertheless, I rejoice that you are to present one. I think some of the Eastern States will need to look to the small weak Western Departments that have only five, seven, eight, and ten Corps, and help them to a flag for their Department Convention. In the midst of a Southern element and a Swede and Norwegian immigration, this Department flag presentation is an inspiration to the workers and a grand object-lesson to teach patriotism. I have helped from our fund this year Montana, Idaho, and North Dakota; and it is greatly appreciated. May the God of nations bless the patriotic work of the Woman's Relief Corps!

Yours fraternally,

KATE E. JONES,
National Patriotic Instructor.

SNOW HILL, MD., Feb. 9, 1905.

Dear Mrs. Warne: Your kind invitation to be present at your Department Convention is at hand, and is, indeed, very tempting; for I know that there will be "a feast of fat things," as Massachusetts always "does things up brown," but I had such a grand outing last summer that I must stay at home for a while now.

I shall be with you in spirit, and wish for you a most harmonious session. You have rounded out a full and successful year, and can look back upon your labors with pride through all future years.

May blessings be showered upon you as you continue to work for the interests of our beloved order!

With greetings to all the sisterhood,

Fraternally yours,

MARY M. NORTH,
*Past National Junior Vice-President and
Past National Press Correspondent.*

OAKLAND, ME., Jan. 31, 1905.

MARY E. ELLIOT,
Department Secretary.

My dear Secretary: Permit me to express my admiration of the very successful administration of the past year, and to the Convention greetings and best wishes for a joyful and harmonious session.

I should indeed be glad to be present, and meet the loyal workers of your Department, but time and distance will prevent.

Sincerely yours in F., C., and L.,

ALICE S. GILMAN,
Member Executive Board, National W.R.C.

GORHAM, ME., Jan. 28, 1905.

MRS. ANNIE M. WARNE,

Department President of Massachusetts.

My dear Mrs. Warne: The Department of Maine holds its Convention at Lewiston, February 16 and 17; and we extend a most cordial invitation to you to be present at that time.

As Department President, I remember your courtesies extended to me while at Boston, and thank you most heartily for the graciousness with which you extended them.

I congratulate you upon a most successful administration, and wish you much happiness and profit at your own Department Convention, coming so near to ours. Thank you for the invitation to attend, but, of course, that is an impossibility with all the attendant duties of my own just now, although I would like very much to do so.

Most cordially yours in F., C., and L.,

(Miss) JENNIE PIERCE WHITNEY,

Department President.

LEBANON, N.H., Feb. 8, 1905.

MRS. ANNIE M. WARNE,

Department President of Massachusetts.

My dear Mrs. Warne: I trust you will pardon me for being so dilatory in replying to your kind invitation to attend your Convention, February 14 and 15. I have been confined to the bed by sickness for a week, but have been hoping to regain my strength in season to accept the invitation.

I find I shall not be able, much to my deep regret.

With the best wishes for a successful and harmonious meeting, I remain,

Yours sincerely in F., C., and L.,

MARIA E. DENSMORE,

Department President.

WELLS RIVER, VT., Jan. 30, 1905.

MRS. ANNIE M. WARNE,

Department President, Massachusetts W.R.C.

Dear Mrs. Warne: I very much regret I cannot accept your cordial invitation to be present at your Department Convention, February 14 and 15; but, as ours comes February 22, it will be impossible for me to leave home without neglecting my duties. I look back with pleasure to our meeting in Concord in April, and later in Boston, where we enjoyed the hospitality and many courtesies of Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps.

Wishing for you a pleasant and harmonious Convention and that "Saint Valentine" will send his little arrows of love all around you,

I am yours truly, in F., C., and L.,

MARY B. GOODWIN,

Department President, Vermont.

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y., Feb. 9, 1905.

MRS. ANNIE M. WARNE,

Department President of Massachusetts.

My dear Mrs. Warne: The reply to your cordial invitation to attend the Massachusetts Convention has been delayed until the eleventh hour in the hope that my convalescence might be sufficiently rapid to permit my acceptance. Since my attendance at the National Convention in grand old Boston, I have looked forward to the enjoyment of your Department Convention, but at last I must decline with deep regret. Seven weeks of illness have made it impossible for me to travel at present.

Kindly present my greetings to the Convention, and accept my sincere appreciation of your courtesy.

Cordially yours,

FLORENCE M. WESTCOTT,
Department President of New York.

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y., Feb. 9, 1905.

MRS. ANNIE M. WARNE,

Department President of Massachusetts.

Greetings and Regrets. I regret exceedingly that illness compels me to decline your kind invitation to be present with you during the session of your Convention, also to attend the reception and campfire Wednesday evening. Though I cannot be personally present, my heart is with the noble workers gathered in your Department. May progress, charity, and true fraternity be in all your meetings, permeate all your changes, and guide the officers of your choice in the coming year.

Trusting that your year of faithful endeavor and of grand achievements may come to a fitting close in a successful and harmonious Convention, I am,

Yours fraternally,

FLORENCE M. WESTCOTT,
Department President of New York.

LE SUEUR, MINN., Feb. 8, 1905.

MRS. ANNIE M. WARNE,

*Department President, W.R.C.,
Boston, Massachusetts.*

Dear Mrs. Warne: From General Orders I learn that the dear sisters of the Department of Massachusetts are very soon to assemble in their annual Convention to learn from their officers' reports the great work accomplished by their united efforts during the year, and to plan even greater things for the year to come.

We who were privileged to be the guests of your Department during the National Convention in August cannot express to you our appreciation of the many courtesies received at that time. We felt we were going home to be welcomed by our "Mother Department," and we were not disappointed, for it was,

indeed, a real home gathering, and one we shall never forget. Although separated by so many, many miles, I shall, on February 14 and 15, think often of you all, and breathe a prayer that you may have a most helpful and harmonious Convention; and may I extend fraternal greetings to one and all?

Most sincerely yours in F., C., and L.,

LODUSKY J. TAYLOR,
Past National President, W.R.C.

Mrs. Harriet J. Bodge, Past National President, also sent her regrets at not being able to attend our Convention, and expressed her sincere regard for the workers in Massachusetts and her interest in the work they are conducting with such success.

BIDDEFORD, ME., Feb. 8, 1905.

MISS MARY E. ELLIOT,

Department Secretary, W.R.C.

My dear Miss Elliot: The very cordial invitation of the Department President of Massachusetts was received several days since. I was at the time in the throes of the grippe, from which I have not wholly recovered; and, from the fact that the Conventions of the Departments of Massachusetts and Maine come the same week, it will not be possible for me to accept both. I must be at my own.

I regret exceedingly that I must decline this pleasure. Give my cordial thanks to Mrs. Warne, and extend my congratulations to her for her splendid year's work, also the hope that her Convention will be a harmonious and fruitful one, a fitting ending for a year of hard and faithful work.

Most cordially yours in F., C., and L.,

ELLA JORDAN MASON,
Past Department President of Maine.

28 SOUTH STREET.

MRS. ANNIE M. WARNE,

Department President, Mass. W.R.C.

My dear Mrs. Warne: I have thought of you often since the National Convention, W.R.C., met in Boston last August; and, while you are still at the head of your Department, I wish to express my gratitude to you and your delegation for so grandly supporting our New Hampshire candidate at that time. I assure you the favor was much appreciated, and will not soon be forgotten. With best wishes for the Department of Massachusetts W. R. C., also for the success of your Convention and for yourself, I am, very sincerely,

Your friend in F., C., and L.,

SARAH E. RUNNELLS,
*Past Dep. Pres. of New Hampshire
and Ch. Dept. Committee.*

210 MAIN STREET,
NASHUA, Jan. 17, 1905.

CLINTON, MASS., Feb. 2, 1905.

MRS. ANNIE M. WARNE,

President Mass. Dept., W.R.C.

My dear Mrs. Warne: I have received an invitation to attend the twenty-sixth anniversary of the Massachusetts Department, W.R.C., on Wednesday evening, February 15, and I would like to return my thanks to you for the same.

I shall certainly be very much pleased to accept, and shall do so if nothing unforeseen interferes.

At this time, so near the close of my term of office, I would like once more to thank you for all that you have done for the "Daughters" during the past year, as well as for your kindness and courtesy to myself. Not only have you given of your time, but of your influence as well; and I am extremely grateful for it all.

I can well assure you that even the spirit of harmony existing between the two organizations is a great help.

Wishing you a pleasant and profitable Convention throughout, and again thanking you, I am,

Yours with love,

M. ALTHEA FIELD,

President Massachusetts Department, Daughters of Veterans.

CLINTON, MASS., Feb. 12, 1905.

MRS. ANNIE M. WARNE,

*Department President, W.R.C.,**Waltham, Mass.*

My dear Mrs. Warne: It is with much regret that I write you of my father's illness. He was taken seriously ill Friday night, and, much to his own disappointment, will not be able to attend the Encampment next week, as the doctor says that he will be unable to leave the bed for a week or ten days.

With all the other functions, he will have to give up the reception and campfire given by the Department Relief Corps on Wednesday evening.

Please accept his best wishes for a pleasant and profitable Convention and Campfire and all possible success for the Woman's Relief Corps of Massachusetts.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

M. ALTHEA FIELD.

Mrs. Knowles, chairman of Committee on Testimonial to Mrs. Clara H. B. Evans, Past Department President, reported, namely:—

That the committee deemed it a pleasure to perform the duty assigned them, and had attended to the work placed in their charge. The following response had been received from Mrs. Evans:—

PITTSFIELD, Feb. 8, 1905.

MRS. MARY E. KNOWLES,

Chairman Testimonial Committee.

My dear Friend: I acknowledge the receipt of a beautiful "Marks" chair, presented to me as a testimonial from our Department. While I may seem to



Lucius Field

Department Commander G.A.R., 1904-1905.

have been a delinquent in this respect, I am sure it will be a pleasure for you to **know** how thoroughly we have all enjoyed it from the day it first came into our **home** to the present time.

I want to thank you and your committee for the privilege given me of selecting the gift.

Again extending to your Department through you my most cordial thanks,
I am, Yours sincerely in F., C. and L.,

CLARA H. B. EVANS.

Mrs. Going, who also served as a member of this committee, expressed her appreciation at being appointed to serve in such a pleasant capacity.

Mrs. Gilman, chairman, read

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention, W.R.C.:

The committee to examine the report of the Department Senior Vice-President have attended to their duty, and respectfully report:—

A careful perusal of the document shows clearly that the officer who wrote it was imbued with the spirit of patriotism, and that she carried that spirit into all her actions throughout the year of her service as Department Officer. Every line shows a conscientious endeavor to advance the interests and enlarge the influence of our order; and we are convinced that with such women to govern and guide us our grand organization is sure to commend itself to the great public in whose hands rests the destiny of the nation, whose brave defenders it is our privilege to serve.

We commend the report as a model which all might follow and be certain to profit thereby.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

MARY L. GILMAN,

IDA R. HAVNER,

ALICE E. CHAPMAN,

Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Lizzie Sargent, of Chelsea, seconded by Miss Martin, of Boston, that the report be accepted. [Carried.]

~~Voted~~, on motion of Mrs. Sawyer, that the Convention now adjourn.

Adjourned at 8.05 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The second day's session of the Convention was opened at ten o'clock by Mrs. Warne, Department President.

Prayer by Mrs. Sawyer, Department Chaplain.

Singing of the opening ode, followed by the flag salute, the Color Bearers representing Corps 147 of Milton.

Department President: I will now instruct the Conductors to ascertain if all present have the proper password.

Records of yesterday afternoon session read by the Secretary, and declared approved on motion of Miss Martin, of Boston.

Mrs. Knowles, on behalf of the Daughters of Veterans of Waltham, presented a beautiful bunch of pinks to Mrs. Warne, Department President, with the regards of the "Daughters."

Mrs. Warne responded with thanks.

Mrs. Goddard, Department Junior Vice-President, occupied the chair.

Moved by Mrs. Knowles, seconded by Mrs. Evans, that a message of sympathy be sent Mrs. Sarah B. Noyes, of the Executive Board, who is absent on account of illness in her family. [Carried.]

The Conductors reported that all present had the proper password.

Remarks by Mrs. Jones, chairman of Luncheon Committee, in regard to the arrangements for dinner.

Department President resumed the chair, and was the recipient of a handsome bouquet of flowers from Corps 45, Attleboro, Mrs. Sarah H. Smith, President, expressing to Mrs. Warne the regards of the Corps.

A bunch of American Beauty roses was received by Mrs. Warne from Corps 97, Lexington, Mrs. Sarah E. Cormley, President, saying, "These are from your friends in the Corps at Lexington, with best wishes to the woman who is carrying the burden of this Convention on her shoulders."

Mrs. Warne expressed to the donors her thanks for their kind remembrance.

Department President requested Mrs. Goddard, Department Senior Vice-President, to escort to the platform Mrs. Mercy A. Wolff, wife of the Department Commander-elect.

Mrs. Wolff was received with applause when officially introduced by Mrs. Warne, who congratulated her upon "the honors that had come into her family."

Mrs. Cook, chairman, read

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

BOSTON, Feb. 16, 1905.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention, W.R.C.:

The committee appointed on the report of Department Inspector have attended to their duty, and submit the following:—

The entire report of the work of the year just passed is worthy of praise. The duties of the Department Inspector are always arduous, and this year has been no exception; but the report shows the faithful, loyal work which has been done, and your committee most heartily pay their tribute to her as a faithful, conscientious officer and worker, who has proved herself worthy of the trust placed in her charge. The report is clear and concise, and we commend it to your close inspection, that you may gain a better idea of the condition of the various Corps in our Department.

The large number of our members who attended the exmplications show how strong is the interest felt in the work of our order and how strong the ties of friendship which bind us together.

The committee sincerely hope the exmplications will be continued; and we urge upon our members, as well as our officers, their attendance at as many as possible.

Your committee desire to emphasize the reference made on page 139 to the Corps reports. There is, indeed, no excuse for the careless disregard of this matter. If Corps Presidents could but realize how even the delay of one Corps in sending in their reports stops the movement of the whole machinery at National and Department Headquarters, we are confident they would be more prompt.

Under the head of Inspections, the Inspector says, "I requested the Assistant Inspectors to have the Corps answer in figures, not 'yes' or 'no,' to the question, 'Is the number of rituals complete?'" Your committee would recommend that, should the recommendations regarding Form O be adopted by the National Convention, that this question be embodied in it in place of No. 13, "The number of rituals is sixteen, have you that number?"

On page 140, third line, we find the following:—

Recommendation No. 1. "That the National Convention be petitioned to authorize a new blank printed, to be known as Form X, a copy of which is herewith submitted, containing all questions necessary to be asked at time of inspection, with instructions how to obtain averages printed on the back of blank. Two copies of this blank shall be sent by Inspecting Officer to the President of the Corps she is to inspect, at least twenty days before such inspection. Corps Secretary and Treasurer shall answer questions on these blanks relating to statistics, and Corps Presidents all other questions, one copy of which must be handed to Inspector at time of inspection, the other filed by Corps Secretary for reference."

The committee, believing that it is the idea of the Inspector to do away with Blank A, and forward instead the Form O, which includes all the questions to be asked at inspections and to be forwarded as mentioned in the recommendation, do most heartily approve.

Recommendation No. 2. that until this Form X is issued by the

National Treasurer the Department Treasurer order a supply printed for use in this Department, is approved by the committee.

Certainly, if this faithful officer in her work has found any way whereby the duties of the Inspector may be made lighter, and the work of the office faithfully performed, it is our duty to act in its fulfilment; and the Department Inspector claims that the issuing of this blank would largely decrease the Inspector's work.

Recommendation No. 3, that the National Convention be petitioned, when a new issue of Form O is made, that a question to be numbered 12, Amount of money expended for patriotic work for year ending August 31, be inserted, and the rest of the questions be renumbered, and all blanks be made to correspond, approved by the committee.

Once again referring the work of the year and the report of that work of our faithful Department Inspector to your favorable consideration, we remain,

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

EVA T. COOK,
ANNIE SMITH,
SARAH L. WALLIS,
MARIA L. BRUMMITT,
Committee.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Chase, of Chelsea, that the report be accepted and the recommendations acted upon separately.

Recommendation No. 1 adopted, on motion of Mrs. Hall, of Somerville.

Recommendation No. 2 adopted, on motion of Mrs. Goddard.

Recommendation No. 3 adopted, on motion of Mrs. Going.

Moved by Mrs. Tuttle, of South Boston, that the report be adopted as a whole. [Carried.]

Mrs. Parker, chairman, submitted the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. President: The committee appointed to examine resolutions have attended to our duty, and render the following report:—

We do not approve Resolution No. 1, namely:—

That, whereas each Corps is entitled to one vote by its last Past President, the rules be changed to allow any Past President the right to vote in case the last Past President cannot attend.

Resolution No. 2, namely:—

Whereas, In the installation service of the Woman's Relief Corps a portion of the instruction given to three of the appointed officers lessens the dignity of

the service by its insertion, and as given in the service book of 1904 is incorrect by reason of the instructions to Press Correspondent and Musician being given as the same, both Chapter 2, Article 8, Section 9, Rules and Regulation.—

Resolved, That National Convention be petitioned to authorize Installing Officers to drop from the installation service in instructions to Patriotic Instructor, Press Correspondent, and Musician the words, "Further instructions will be found," etc., and, when a new edition of the service book shall be issued, the above instructions be eliminated.

The communication from Mrs. Elizabeth Merritt Gosse, in regard to petitioning the trustees of cemeteries to put the lot in proper condition to receive the flags and flowers by cutting the grass on soldiers' graves before Memorial Day, we recommend be referred to the incoming Department Council.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

S. AGNES PARKER,
ELEANOR B. WHEELER,
FRANCES R. STURGEON,
JESSIE W. LOWELL,
LUELLA MEEKINS,

Committee.

Mrs. Morse, of Arlington, moved that the report on Resolution No. 1 be accepted. [Carried.]

Moved by Mrs. Wadsworth, seconded by Mrs. Sawyer, that we adopt the report of the committee on the second resolution. [Carried.]

Mrs. Parker, chairman of committee: Mrs. President, your committee feel that the matter referred to in the communication received from Mrs. Gosse is too large a subject for such a small committee to decide in the limited time at our disposal. We think that it will be a wise plan for all Corps to see that soldiers' graves are put in proper condition before Memorial Day.

We decided, therefore, to recommend that this matter be referred to the incoming Department Council.

Moved by Mrs. Venables, of Chelsea, that the report of the committee regarding this matter be adopted.

A discussion arose in which remarks in favor of the sentiments expressed by Mrs. Gosse were made by Mrs. Gilman, Mrs. Knowles, Mrs. Robinson, Past Department Presidents, and by Mrs. Wadsworth.

Mrs. Sara E. Cain, Past President Corps 102, Weymouth, stated that Reynolds Corps of that town always has attended to the duty of seeing that the graves of soldiers are kept in order.

Pending the discussion, Mrs. Davis, Chief Guard, announced that a delegation from the Sons of Veterans was in waiting.

Department President: The Committee on Courtesies will retire, and introduce the visitors.

Mrs. Gilman, of the committee, presented Chaplain Brewster, Past Commander Howland was presented by Mrs. Going, and Past Commander Pickering, of Lowell, by Mrs. Robinson.

Department President: We are always glad to greet the Sons. I will invite Chaplain Brewster to respond for the organization he represents.

Chaplain Brewster, chairman of the committee: The Sons of veterans are always glad to follow the flag, and we were pleased at being escorted to your platform with the Color Bearers leading with the flags. In behalf of the committee and the Massachusetts Sons of Veterans I bring you their greetings. We cherish the Woman's Relief Corps in our hearts because we believe in your organization. I extend to Mrs. Ralph, Department President-elect, my heartiest congratulations. I trust this Convention will be the happiest in your history, and this flag grow dearer to you all. May this Convention be so successful that the women of Massachusetts will say the Woman's Relief Corps is the grandest organization in the State! I am pleased that the relations between these organizations are so harmonious.

Mrs. Warne, Department President: Chaplain Brewster, your remarks are what we expect from the sons of noble fathers.

Accept this flower [a pink] as a token of our appreciation of your visit to this Convention.

I will ask the committee to invite Mrs. Sisson to the platform. Members of the Convention, I will introduce Mrs. Sisson, wife of Past Division Commander Sisson, of the Sons of Veterans.

While in Pittsfield the past year, he, as mayor of the city, and Mrs. Sisson extended courtesies to me as the representative of the Woman's Relief Corps of Massachusetts; and I am pleased at this time to acknowledge the kindness extended, not only in Pittsfield, but by the Sons also, in other cities and towns I have visited.

The Committee from the Sons of Veterans then retired, being escorted from the church by the committee and Color Bearers.

Mrs. Marie J. Kendall, Chief Guard, presented to the Department President a handsome cut-glass dish on behalf of the Conductors and Guards of the Convention.

Mrs. Warne expressed appreciation of this kindly remembrance.

Mrs. Gilman, for the Committee on Courtesies, presented a representative of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, Mrs. Richards, National Senior Vice-President of that society, and Mrs. Going introduced Mrs. Pickering, of the Ladies' Aid Auxiliary.

Mrs. Warne as Department President extended a welcome to the guests, and invited Mrs. Richards to respond, who extended greetings for the committee and also in behalf of Mrs. Hallie E. Whitney, Department President of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans.

After the guests had retired, the announcement was made that a delegation from the Grand Army Encampment was in waiting. The Committee on Courtesies was instructed to retire, and introduce the comrades.

The committee attended to this duty, and escorted the officials, as follows: Mrs. Gilman, Past Department Commander Dwight O. Judd; Mrs. Goodale, Past Department Commander Eli W. Hall; Mrs. Going, Past Commander Thomas J. Long, of Charles Russell Lowell Post 7 of Boston.

They were greeted with the salute, and cordially welcomed by the Department President, who invited the chairman, Dwight O. Judd, Past Department Commander, to respond.

Past Department Commander Judd: Mrs. President, oftentimes in our life we have a duty set before us that runs counter to our inclinations, and in that case the duty is hard. To-day my duty and my inclinations run in the same line.

It is my pleasant duty to bring to you the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic. We know the great worth of the Woman's Relief Corps,—our right hand; and it gives me the greatest pleasure to bring you the greetings of the Encampment.

We appreciate your aid, and your work has our heartiest approval.

Department President: I now have the honor to call upon Past Department Commander Hall.

Eli W. Hall, Past Department Commander: This is the first time for several years that I have had the privilege of serving as a member of the Committee on Greetings to your Convention. I know the history of the Woman's Relief Corps from the date of the organization of the National Woman's Relief Corps at Denver to the present time, and I appreciate your work during all these years and the aid you rendered during the arrangements for the great national gathering in Boston the past year.

He referred to his report as Department Commander in 1893, wherein he expressed his cordial interest and commendation of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Past Commander Long responded briefly, and said the teachings of the Woman's Relief Corps stimulated the love of country and of the dear old flag.

Mrs. Warne, on behalf of the Convention over which she presided, thanked the official committee from the Grand Army Encampment for the encouraging words of appreciation; and the comrades retired, escorted by the Color Bearers and Committee on Courtesies, while the entire Convention united in singing "Marching through Georgia," these guests being also saluted with the waving of handkerchiefs.

The discussion of the resolution regarding the matter presented by Mrs. Gosse was resumed.

Moved by Mrs. White, President Thomas G. Stevenson Corps 63 of Roxbury, that the motion to refer the subject to the incoming Department Council be withdrawn. [Carried.]

Moved by Mrs. Carrie I. Hatch, of Dorchester, second by Mrs. Villie Hitchings, of Lynn, that the matter be referred back to the Committee on Resolutions, to be acted upon this afternoon. [Carried.]

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Goddard, that immediately after luncheon we proceed to the election of officers.

Flowers were presented Mrs. Minot, National President, by Mrs. Jennie B. Gale, Past President Corps 63, Roxbury, whose sister is a member of the Corps at Concord, N.H., of which Mrs. Minot is a Past President.

The National President cordially thanked Mrs. Gale.

Mrs. Gilman, National Senior Aide, presented Mrs. Minot, on behalf of her Aides in this State, a cut-glass water set, and expressed the high esteem in which the National President is held by our members, saying, "You are enshrined in the hearts of the Massachusetts Aides."

Mrs. Minot gracefully responded, assuring Mrs. Gilman that she should cherish it, and forever remember her loyalty as Chief of staff this year.

Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, chairman of the Committee on Greetings to the Encampment, reported that the committee met with an enthusiastic reception, and that, when she read the figures showing the work accomplished the past year, the comrades applauded enthusiastically.

She referred to the inspiration of the visit to the Encampment in Faneuil Hall, where so many of the Grand Army comrades had assembled.

Mrs. Ralph, Department Senior Vice-President, and Mrs. Turner, also members of this committee, reported that their visit to the Encampment was very pleasant, and that they appreciated the honor of being appointed on this committee.

Mrs. Minot, National President: Mrs. President, I thank you for the privilege of standing in historic Faneuil Hall, and for the honor of visiting the Grand Army Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, so ably presided over by that courtly gentleman (Senior Vice-Department Commander Wolff). It is an honor I shall always appreciate.

Mrs. Turner referred to the eloquent address of Commander-in-Chief Blackmar, which it was the privilege of the committee to hear, General Blackmar speaking to his comrades for nearly an hour, receiving their enthusiastic applause.

Mrs. Ralph, Department Senior Vice-President, occupied the chair.

Mrs. Robinson, chairman, read

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

BOSTON, Feb. 15, 1905.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Massachusetts:

The committee appointed on the Department Treasurer's report have carefully examined the same, and find it a most careful, painstaking, and conscientious report of the financial standing of our Department.

The fact that no recommendations are offered shows that the system must be as perfect as can be arranged for.

When we look over the many pages representing the book-keeping required, we can but feel amazed at the work accomplished in just one year.

We also are proud to notice "Liabilities None," and from the great generosity of the faithful Corps that "the fragments" left amounted to so grand a sum.

That all Corps Treasurers may pay close attention to her *plea* regarding supplies and per capita tax, we trust, may be well heeded.

We also hope all Corps Presidents will carefully read, and bear well in mind, *her appeal* as to quarterly reports and Southern Memorial Day fund. It seems but little to you, but much, we assure you, to her, who takes such a deep and lasting interest in our Order, so dear to her heart.

With all her hard and trying work we rejoice that some pleasure has come into and with it all.

The *earnest* wish of the committee is that each delegate will carefully and closely read every word of the Department Treasurer's report, and pass it on to others, and that *her* march to the "sunset shore" may be a long, long time in coming.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

ANGIE A. ROBINSON,

ETTA B. LYON,

AMELIA E. STEWART,

Committee.

Report accepted on motion of Mrs. Hitchings, of Lynn.

Mrs. Turner, chairman, submitted the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF DELEGATE-AT-LARGE.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-sixth Department Convention:

Your committee appointed on the report of the Delegate-at-Large having read the report carefully, find it minute in detail and comprehensive as a report. In fact, it is the "Alpha and Omega" of the work of National Convention Week, and might well be called "A Handy Book of Reference" for all who need to refresh their memory on the unofficial work of the different executive committees as well as the official work of the National Convention of 1904. Thanks of this Department are due Mrs. Helen R. Blackmar for her very concise report, and your committee consider it one of the best ever rendered.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

LIZABETH A. TURNER, Corps 39, *Chairman*,

HATTIE C. MCINTYRE, Corps 68,

HELEN M. WILDER, Corps 60,

SARAH D. CALDER, Corps 146,

LIZZIE A. TREAT, Corps 139,

Committee.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Cain, of Weymouth, that the report be accepted.

Mrs. Reed, chairman, read

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention:

Your committee has read with much interest the excellent report of the Junior Vice-President, and respectfully presents the following:—

The work of the past year has entailed upon all our Department officers unusual and exceptional labor, and our faithful Junior Vice-President has conscientiously performed her part of it, and carried out her determination to give to the work her "best efforts." We note with special interest the cheerful response made to all the various calls upon her time and strength and her willingness to "spend and be spent" for the good of the cause; and our sincere thanks are due her for the conscientious discharge of these exacting duties. The entire record of the year is a complete refutation of the idea sometimes advanced, that the office of Vice-President is purely ornamental, for Mrs. Goddard has proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that it *may* be eminently useful and helpful.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

HARRIETTE L. REED,
MARY E. ALGER,
MILLIE F. WILLEY,
MYRTIE I. MCCALLUM,
ANNIE B. COOPER,
Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Savery, of Plymouth, seconded by Mrs. Weston, of Somerville, that the report be accepted. [Carried.]

Mrs. Mary A. Beal, chairman of Committee on Greetings to the Daughters of Veterans, reported that the representatives of the Woman's Relief Corps were cordially received by the "Daughters," who appreciate the interest of our order in their organization.

Mrs. Shattuck, chairman, read

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-sixth Convention, Department of Massachusetts, W.R.C.:

The committee appointed on the Department Secretary's report have carefully and conscientiously examined the same, and offer the following:—

We feel that words cannot express the appreciation of the work of this officer, who has served so faithfully in season and out of season and early and late.

We are much pleased to note the increase in membership and much regret the loss of one Corps, also the loss of membership by suspension, and sincerely wish that something might be done to overcome this loss. We all realize the extra work she has been called upon to perform during the past year, but, as ever, she has not been found wanting, and has nobly responded to all calls made upon her. We heartily approve of her recommendations, especially No. 2, believing that the history of the work of our order in the earlier days should be preserved, and that it will be of inestimable value in time to come. Our earnest wish is that she may long be spared to us, and continue to be our much loved Department Secretary.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

ANNIE C. SHATTUCK, *Chairman.*

HELEN A. LAMBRITH,

ELLA F. LONG,

WELTHEA E. SAVERY,

MARY L. PHILLIPS,

Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Hitchings seconded by Mrs. Gilman, that the report be accepted and the recommendations adopted. [Carried.]

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Going, that we adjourn until 1.30.

Adjourned at 12.40 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order by Mrs. Warne, Department President, at 1.35 o'clock.

Department President: I will instruct the Conductors to take the password, and request the Guards not to admit members while the Convention roll is being called.

Interesting remarks were made by Mrs. Turner, chairman of the Andersonville Prison Board of the National Woman's Relief Corps, in regard to her plan of planting rose-bushes on the grounds at Andersonville.

Mrs. Abby J. Smith, Committee on Sale of Department History, reported that nine copies were sold, all that had been placed in her charge.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Knowles, that the thanks of the Convention be extended Mrs. Smith.

The Department President explained to the delegates the manner of selecting delegates and alternates to the National Convention, and that, in accordance with the vote of the Department Convention of 1903, they can be selected only by districts.

Mrs. Gilman, chairman of Committee on Greetings to the Sons of Veterans, reported that they were tendered an ovation when entering their Encampment.

Mrs. Robinson also reported, as the other member of the committee that, as the mother of sons whose father is a veteran, she was glad of the privilege of visiting the Department Encampment, Sons of Veterans.

Mrs. Goodale, chairman, submitted the

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT RELIEF COMMITTEE.

MEDFORD, Feb. 13, 1905.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention:

As chairman of the Department Relief Committee, it becomes my pleasant duty to render for the fifth time the yearly account of work accomplished. For the benefit of members present not familiar with this work I repeat the explanation of former years. In 1888 in Massachusetts a Department Relief Fund was established; and in 1890, by authority of the National Convention, a Department Relief Committee was appointed. The necessity for the formation of a fund, in charge of a special committee, was indicated by the constant application to our officers at Department Headquarters of needy veterans, or those related to them, living in localities unblest by Post or Corps. With no committee to investigate and no special fund from which to draw, our officers were often confronted by a perplexing problem. For this purpose this particular line of work was formed, and for fifteen years has continued. The members of Massachusetts Relief Corps may justly feel proud of having a share in bringing sunshine to many a cheerless home. It is said that a charitable agency may be fairly judged by the character of the cases coming to it. This, in a measure, is true; and of our applicants the committee can report that the character of those applying for assistance the last year has been of a higher standard than formerly. Veterans are growing less able to care for their families, and wives, who in many instances have borne the heaviest part of the burden of the day, are becoming too feeble to work, and want for the first time has confronted them. Under these conditions it is our privilege to lend the helping hand. That discrimination will ever have to be used between the true and the false goes without saying, for only a higher Power can remodel depraved human nature; but long experience must develop discernment, and rarely has our trust been betrayed. It is an inspiring work; and, as new members come into the committee from year to year, they rarely fail to become interested—I may say absorbed—in the work, as they have opportunity to bring courage to the disheartened ones. Let me recall one incident of the many rushing to mind. A veteran of good war record, earned in long service, was waiting admission to a Soldiers' Home. Weak and ill from long delay and hope deferred, he came to tell us his story. After we were assured that every word of his tale was true, we fitted him out with warm underwear, contributed by a generous Corps, and gave him an order for a week's board at one of the Salvation Army houses. His face

lighted up with new courage; and, bowing low, he recited dramatically, "Hope springs eternal in the human breast." The committee has had the privilege of ministering to veterans from every loyal State and of many nationalities, recognizing the fact that to every soldier, wherever his home, we are indebted for the preservation of our country. In several instances where applicants have lived in towns not favored with Post or Relief Corps, the committee have deemed it proper to ask the assistance of the Corps in adjoining towns. Some Corps, with but little or no relief work to do, have gladly responded, believing, with our committee, that it is necessary to the full development of a Corps to engage in some way in the blessed work of relief, one of the foundation stones of our order.

Our regular beneficiaries, four of whom are beloved Army Nurses, have received, in monthly allowances during the year, \$324. At Thanksgiving and Christmas small gifts were added. These dear women are all over eighty years of age, with records of faithful service during the war.

Next to our boys in blue, they rank our special charges, whose welfare is our loving interest, a blessed privilege, indeed. A pitiful case of need came to our knowledge of a family of a deceased Spanish War veteran. The mother had worked daily in a mattress factory, endeavoring to support her family of four children. As she was a skilful worker, she earned large wages. Unfortunately, she pierced her right hand with a large needle. Terrible sickness ensued. Having knowledge of our organization when it possessed an emergency fund, we learned of her distress; and it was our privilege to interest other philanthropic organizations who came to her assistance.

Early in the year the care of arranging for the removal of two inmates of the Woman's Relief Corps Home in Ohio, former residents of Massachusetts, was placed in this committee's charge. As the Home was to be transferred to the State of Ohio, the Department of Massachusetts, ever prompt to attend to its full duty, was ready to send its representative to arrange for the journey. The women were very aged and feeble, one lame, the other blind. Correspondence was opened with the Secretary of the Home Committee, Mrs. Emma Stark Hampton, who was at last enabled to write the following gratifying words: "The women from Massachusetts, with those from other States, will remain at the Home, to be cared for for the remainder of their lives, and at death be laid in the special lot in Middle Ridge Cemetery, where they have seen so many of their household placed at rest." The full scope of the work cannot be given in a report. A number of Corps have sent valuable contributions of clothing in addition to donations of money. One Corps contributes a regular sum monthly for a special case. It would be unjust to mention Corps or individuals so contributing, but they will receive their reward; for is it not written in the Good Book, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me"? As in former years, the work has been carried on systematically. Every member of the committee is assigned to duty, and we have had no drones on the

list. Monthly and quarterly meetings have been held, and reports regularly submitted. To Captain Charles Hastings, Commissioner John E. Gilman, and Assistant Adjutant-General E. P. Preble, we are again indebted for kind assistance and valuable advice. We gladly repeat the words of former years, and offer

Recommendation No. 1. That we ask of the Department Massachusetts G.A.R. assistance in the work of transportation and care of veterans who, on the way to relatives or soldiers' homes, may be stranded in our city, the amount necessary for the purpose to be determined by the Department President after consultation with the Assistant Adjutant-General.

For the faithful members of the committee, my dear associates, whose names have been read, I have only feelings of love and appreciation. Every member has contributed clothing, bedding, food, or money to the cause, in addition to many hours of labor. Every Friday, unless sickness prevents, a gathering of a majority of the committee is held in Department Headquarters for consultation and to distribute aid. To the Secretary, Mrs. R. A. Pickett, I am greatly indebted for loving service.

To our Department President, who without fail has given us warm words of encouragement and loving advice, I am sure I am voicing the sentiments of every member of the Relief Committee when I express thanks for our appointment to so important a work. We feel it is an evidence of her confidence, not only in our ability, but in our loyalty to the cause, when she trusted this work to our honor. To the Department Secretary, Miss Elliot, and Department Treasurer, Mrs. Fuller, we are grateful for many kind acts of assistance.

The following is a brief summary of the year's work:—

Contributions of food, clothing, and bedding, valued at \$180.67, have been received.

Amount expended in cash	\$67.07
Amount expended in orders for groceries, coal, clothing, lodgings, and meals at Salvation Army	423.74
Amount expended for regular beneficiaries	324.00
Amount expended by Assistant Adjutant-General E. P. Preble	50.40
Relief other than money	162.67
Total	\$1,027.88

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

M. SUSAN GOODALE,
 LYDIA P. HALL,
 MARIE C. BLAKE,
 REBECCA A. PICKETT,
 LUCRETIA H. WETHERELL,
 GRACE E. RUNYAN,
 ANNIE E. HIGGINS,
Committee.

The Conductors reported that all present had the proper password.

Mrs. Ralph, Department Senior Vice-President, occupied the chair.
The following was read:—

Mrs. President: The committee appointed to take flowers from this Convention to Past Department Commander Joseph W. Thayer have attended to that duty. Mr. Thayer was very greatly affected at the kindness of the Convention in remembering him, and wished us to convey his very grateful thanks and appreciation, and wishes the Convention success in all of their undertakings.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,
S. JESSIE CROWELL, *President Corps 10*,
LIZZIE VENABLES,

Committee.

Mrs. Turner reported that the contribution for her rose garden at Andersonville amounted to \$27, and she thanked the members for their liberal response to her appeal.

Miss Nellie Mecuen reported that her sister, the Department Inspector, sent a message of heartfelt gratitude to the Convention for the message of sympathy and flowers voted her, and that her heart is with her coworkers who are gathered in the Convention.

Moved by Mrs. Knowles that a committee be appointed to procure a testimonial for the retiring Department President. [Carried.]

The chair appointed Mrs. Mary E. Knowles, Mrs. Lizzie M. Richards, and Mrs. Clara H. B. Evans.

Flowers were presented Mrs. Turner by Major George L. Stearns Corps 9, of Charlestown, Mrs. Minnie A. Childs, President, expressing the friendly regard of the members for Mrs. Turner.

Miss Tracy, for the Committee on Credentials, reported as follows:—

Department Officers present	12
Past Department Presidents	9
Past National Officers	3
Delegates and Past Presidents	409
Total	433

Department President: We will now proceed to the election of the Executive Board. I will appoint Mrs. Harriet H. Hoyt of Fitchburg to serve as one of the tellers, in place of Mrs. Haynes who is absent on account of illness.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Evans, that the nominating speeches be limited to two minutes.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Mrs. Lura V. Booth, President Richard Borden Corps 106, Fall River, nominated Mrs. Kate J. Gifford, seconded by Corps 106, Mrs. Beal, Mrs. Sawyer, and others.

Mrs. Ella J. Johnson, President, and all the delegates of Corps 29, Lynn, indorsed Mrs. S. Jennie Tirrell and the nomination was seconded by Mrs. Mary A. Beal of the Department Executive Board, Corps 124, Plymouth, Corps 121, Scituate, and others.

Mrs. Knowles nominated Miss Sarah L. Mecuen, the present Department Inspector and a member of Abraham Lincoln Corps 39 of Charlestown. Seconded by Miss Ida Thompson, President, on behalf of Corps 39, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Mary E. Draper, President, on behalf of Corps 25, Waltham, Mrs. Grace E. Runyan, Past President of Corps 2, Cambridge, Collingwood Corps 124, Plymouth, Mrs. Annie B. Morey, President, Mrs. Mary Durand, Junior Vice-President, on behalf of Corps 91, South Boston, and Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, President Corps 49, Ayer, and others.

Mrs. Tuttle, of Dahlgren Corps 20, South Boston, nominated Mrs. Lue Stuart Wadsworth, who declined.

Mrs. Sara E. Cain nominated Mrs. Mary E. Holbrooke, the present Department Patriotic Instructor, seconded by Mrs. Venables, of Chelsea, Mrs. Addie W. Raymond, President Corps 102, Weymouth, on behalf of the Corps, Mrs. Wales, Past Department President, Corps 68, Dorchester, Mrs. Killian, of Corps 28, Boston, Corps 13, Norwell, Corps 64, Turners Falls, and others.

While the ballots were being counted, the report of Committee on President's Address was read by Mrs. Knowles, chairman, Mrs. Goddard, Department Junior Vice-President, occupying the chair.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT.

BOSTON, Feb. 15, 1905.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention of the Department of Massachusetts, W.R.C.:

The committee to whom the address of the Department President was referred appreciate the honor of their appointment, and hope in the performance of the duty assigned them their efforts will meet the approval of the woman who has presided at the head of our Department during the past year.

The perusal of the address proves conclusively that our Department President has given to the work of the year the same earnest, unselfish zeal that has characterized all her efforts for the order ever since she became a member.

Just and impartial in her decisions, showing courtesy and kindness to all she has won the respect and esteem of the members throughout the Department.

During the memorable week of the National Convention in August she represented this great Department in a manner that elicited expressions of

commendations from our guests, and reflected credit upon herself and honor to our Department.

In a wise and conscientious manner she has guarded the precious legacy given into her keeping one year ago; and, when she transfers to her successor the emblem of authority, she can do so with the consciousness that she has been faithful to the "confidence reposed in her," and has "performed all duties appertaining to her office" in the spirit of fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

Recommendation No. 1 is approved by the committee.

Recommendation No. 2 received the hearty indorsement and approval of the committee. Many homes have been brightened, and disheartened veterans uplifted and encouraged, by the wise judgment and gentle ministrations of the chairman of the Department Relief Committee and her devoted assistants.

Recommendation No. 3 is heartily approved by the committee.

Recommendation No. 4 is indorsed and approved by the committee. Our Department has always been renowned for its hospitality, and the adoption of this recommendation will in the future prevent the possibility of our Department officers being placed in an embarrassing position; and the committee feel sure that all courtesies will be extended to any guest who may "come within our borders" in a manner which will reflect credit upon our Department.

Recommendation No. 5 has been given careful consideration; and the committee, believing that the Department President offers the recommendation with a full knowledge of the inadvisability of continuing the present system of choosing delegates and alternates for the National Convention, and also that it is not in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of our order, approve the recommendation.

The committee indorse the address as a whole, recognizing the fact that harmony prevailed and prosperity has attended the earnest and conscientious efforts of our loved and honored President.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

MARY E. KNOWLES, *Chairman*,
SARAH J. RICE,
MARY B. BECK,
HELEN C. MULFORD,
ANNIE E. HIGGINS,

Committee.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Chase, that the report be accepted, and recommendations acted upon separately.

Recommendation No. 1. Moved by Mrs. Sawyer that it be adopted, seconded by Mrs. S. Elmira Hunt, President Corps 11 of Worcester, and carried by a rising vote.

Recommendation No. 2 adopted, on motion of Mrs. Morse, of Arlington.
 Recommendation No. 3. On motion of Mrs. Robinson this recommendation was adopted.

Recommendation No. 4. *Voted*, on motion of Mrs. Turner, that it be adopted.

Recommendation No. 5. On motion of Mrs. Turner this was adopted.

Moved by Mrs. Reed, seconded by Mrs. Gifford, that the report be adopted as a whole. [Carried.]

Mrs. Ralph, Department Senior Vice-President, occupied the chair. The tellers reported the following as the result of the ballot for chairman of Executive Board:—

Whole number of votes cast	413
Necessary for a choice	207
Scattering	5
Miss Mecuen received	69
Mrs. Tirrell	143
Mrs. Holbrooke	196

And there was no choice.

The chair requested the Conductors to again distribute ballots for chairman of the Executive Board.

Mrs. Knowles, in the name of the Post at South Framingham, presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Elizabeth E. Hayward, Department Chaplain-elect, and also gave her flowers from the Sons of Veterans of South Framingham and Mrs. Anna J. James, President, presented a floral gift to Mrs. Hayward from the Corps in which she has been so faithful, with their "congratulations and love."

Mrs. Hayward feelingly responded to these tributes from her friends at home, saying, "I will look back to this day with many pleasant memories."

The Department President resumed the chair.

Mrs. Lyman, chairman, read

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-sixth Convention, Department of Massachusetts, W.R.C.:

As chairman of the committee to whom was referred the report of Patriotic Instructor, I have the honor to render the following:—

After a careful examination the committee heartily commends the labors of that officer in the promotion of patriotic work, and congratulates

her on the good results she has secured. The reports of the Assistant Instructors show an interest in the work which cannot fail to bear good fruit in the future.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

DORCAS H. LYMAN, *Chairman*,
JUNIE B. MORRELL,
ABBY J. PIPER,
ADELINE S. C. TRACY,
Committee.

Report accepted on motion of Mrs. Cain of Weymouth.

Mrs. Eliza Brown Daggett, of New York, Special National Aide, was introduced, and read a communication from Mrs. Kate E. Jones, National Patriotic Instructor, conveying greetings to Massachusetts.

ILION, N.Y., Feb. 13, 1905.

To the Officers and Members of Massachusetts W.R.C., in Convention assembled.

Greetings from the National Patriotic Instructor, Kate E. Jones.

Whereas the mid-year examinations have prevented competition in Massachusetts public schools for oration and essay for prize badge pin offered by the W.R.C., 1905, the National Patriotic Instructor believes that Massachusetts should receive a badge, and deems it eminently fitting under the circumstances to bestow it on Massachusetts' favorite daughter, Elizabeth A. Turner, who is everywhere conceded to be the embodiment of patriotism, and whose administration as National President was signalized by "Old Glory" as its "Open Sesame!"

I therefore commission Eliza Brown Daggett, New York Department Special Aide, to present the badge pin to "our Elizabeth."

Most cordially yours,

KATE E. JONES,
National Patriotic Instructor.

Mrs. Daggett, after performing the duty assigned her by the National Patriotic Instructor, presented a flag pin to Mrs. Minot, National President, and also one to Mrs. Warne, Department President.

These officers responded with thanks.

Mrs. Fanny T. Hazen, President National Army Nurse Association, was introduced, and extended greetings from the Army Nurses, "not only from Massachusetts, but from all the Army Nurses throughout the land, for the work you have done for the boys in blue."

The tellers reported the following as the result of the

SECOND BALLOT FOR CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Whole number votes cast	399
Necessary for a choice	200
Scattering	2
Miss Mecuen	37
Mrs. Tirrell	116
Mrs. Holbrooke	244

And Mrs. Mary E. Holbrooke of Weymouth was declared elected.

She was formally introduced, and responded with thanks for the election.

NOMINATIONS FOR SECOND MEMBER EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Mrs. Knowles nominated Miss Mecuen, seconded by Corps 39, Charlestown, Mrs. Turner, and others.

Mrs. Angie B. Chase, Past President Corps 10, Chelsea, nominated Mrs. Lizzie Venables, Past President, on behalf of Corps 10, seconded by Mrs. Wadsworth, and others.

Mrs. Booth, President Corps 106, Fall River, nominated Mrs. Kate J. Gifford on behalf of the Corps.

Mrs. Sawyer, Department Chaplain: I second the nomination of Mrs. Gifford. Wherever she has been tried, she has not been found wanting.

Mrs. Goddard, Department Junior Vice-President, nominated Mrs. Mary A. Beal, a present member of the Department Executive Board.

Mrs. Beal: I have served two terms on the board, and it has been a very pleasant two years. I thank you for the nomination, but decline, and will second the name of Mrs. Gifford.

Mrs. Gilman, Mrs. Lyman, and Mrs. Tirrell also seconded the nomination of Mrs. Gifford.

Corps 34, Salem, nominated Mrs. Florence Haynes, Past President of the Corps. Duly seconded.

While the ballots were being counted, Mrs. Allen, chairman, presented

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT RELIEF COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-sixth Convention, W.R.C. of Massachusetts:

The committee appointed to consider and report upon the Department Relief Committee's report submits the following:—

We have all listened to this most interesting story of the year's work,—a work second to none which can be done by the W.R.C., auxiliary to the G.A.R.

We are told, and can easily see, that this work increases year by year; and we commend the systematic, faithful, untiring, conscientious, and enthusiastic work of this committee, several members of which, including the chairman, have served so unselfishly for so long a time.

So long as the services of such women can be secured, the relief work of the Department of Massachusetts is in safe hands.

We recommend the adoption of this report, with the recommendation.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

MARTHA M. ALLEN,
ELLA J. FULLER,
ABBIE M. DEANE,
CLARA A. OSBORNE,
Committee.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Venables, that the report be accepted and recommendation adopted.

Mrs. Fuller, chairman, read the following

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DORMITORY AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

BOSTON, Feb. 6, 1905.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-sixth Convention, Department Massachusetts, W.R.C.:

Your committee in charge of the W.R.C. Dormitory at the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts have the honor to submit the following report:—

But one addition to our "linen closet" has been made the past year, but the supply on hand was so large that we have been able to fill every requisition made for addition to the stock in daily use at the dormitory. Many letters have been received asking information as to what was needed, and twelve letters written.

We have kept in close touch with the Home and all its needs; but, on account of the great work consequent upon the National Encampment, our members have not visited there as often as we could wish, and we hope the coming year to spend more time, and show by our personal presence our interest in the veterans.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1904	\$124.00
Received from Corps 97, Lexington	5.00
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1904	<u>\$129.00</u>

Received from Corps 49, Ayer, 24 pillow-slips for our stock on hand.

By request of Mrs. Creasey, matron, we have sent 96 pillow-slips and 36 towels.

Your committee would urge our Corps to specially remember the Dormitory this year, as, after several years' constant use, there will of necessity be larger expenses for replenishing the room occupied most of the time by thirty-three men.

Our hearts were saddened by the long and serious illness of Superintendent Creasey, and that at last he was obliged to relinquish the care of the Home, for which he and his faithful wife, as matron, had labored so many years. The committee were indebted to both of them for the heartiest co-operation at all times, and our kindest wishes go with them in their more quiet home life.

We are most fortunate in having as a successor to Captain Creasey a comrade long known to be specially interested in the Home, and we feel sure that Colonel Nash and his lovely wife will give to the "boys" the same kind and tender care that has ever characterized the Massachusetts Soldiers' Home.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

SARAH E. FULLER, *Chairman*,
MARY L. GILMAN,
REBECCA A. PICKETT,
LIZABETH A. TURNER,
Committee.

Mrs. Emilie L. W. Waterman of the committee, who was detained at home on account of illness in her family, sent a written statement of work accomplished.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Lovejoy, of Ayer, that the report be accepted. Mrs. Wales, chairman, submitted the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNSELOR'S REPORT.

Mrs. President: The committee to which the report of the Department Counselor was referred has carefully examined the same.

The numerous answers given show that not only good judgment has been used, that they have required time and patience as well.

We find that, out of thirty (30) questions, thirteen (13) are answered by reference to the Rules and Regulations, five (5) to the Ritual; while a close observance of the work done at exemplifications and inspections would have made several more unnecessary.

It would seem that a more careful study of the Rules of the Order would have rendered these anxious inquirers valuable "special Aides" to a busy and hard-working President and Counselor.

We congratulate the Department President upon having had as Counselor one so wise and courteous.

Respectfully submitted, F., C., and L.,

AUGUSTA A. WALES, *Chairman*,
IDA MARTIN,
JENNIE C. FLETCHER,
Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Turner that the report be accepted. [Carried.]
The tellers reported the following as the

BALLOT FOR SECOND MEMBER EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Whole number votes cast	381
Necessary for a choice	191
Scattering	5
Mrs. Haynes received	22
Mrs. Venables	86
Mrs. Gifford	133
Miss Mecuen	135

And there was no choice.

The Conductors were instructed to distribute ballots for another vote for second member of the Executive Board. The same candidates were renominated.

Mrs. Gilman, chairman of the Executive Committee of Arrangements for the National Convention in Boston, who had read a part of her report, when the tellers were announced as waiting to give result of the above ballot, asked the privilege of waiving further reading, as the time of this Convention is limited. She stated that the report would be printed in the Journal of Proceedings of this Convention.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Turner, that we waive the reading of this report, as the same is to be a part of the Convention Journal. [Carried.]

Mrs. Evans, a member of the Auditing Committee for the Executive Committee of Arrangements for the National Convention, read the report of the Auditing Committee in the absence of Miss Sarah L. Mecuen, chairman.

On motion of Mrs. Knowles this report was accepted.

(For both reports see pages 281, 320.)

Mrs. Tirrell, chairman of the Auditing Committee, reported:—

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-sixth Convention, Department of Massachusetts, W.R.C.:

We, the Auditing Committee, have carefully examined the books of the Department Secretary and Department Treasurer each quarter, finding them correct and perfectly kept.

We highly commend their work, especially the work of our dearly beloved Department Treasurer, whose faithfulness to our order merits the love of every member.

Every detail of this important office has been carried out with promptness and accuracy that cannot be excelled, showing an immense amount of work well done.

We wish also to commend the Department Secretary in her untiring performance of her very arduous duties. None so well as the Auditing Committee can realize the amount of work done by the Secretary and Treasurer, and too much praise cannot be given them.

We have carefully examined the books of the Department Relief Committee, and found all bills, receipts, and vouchers properly filed. The committee have expended for relief (in money) during the year \$867.03.

They have generously responded to the calls made upon them, and lightened the hearts of many. We can but commend their work, and think the Department is to be congratulated upon having so faithful and efficient a committee in charge of this important part of the work of our beloved order.

We have the honor to render the financial statement, as follows :—

Total receipts for the year	\$12,249.63	
Total expenditures for the year	8,989.18	
Balance to new account		<u>\$3,260.45</u>
Above balance on hand in the following funds:—		
Cash on hand General Fund	\$922.75	
“ “ Soldiers’ Home Fund	399.25	
“ “ Department Relief Fund	1,792.40	
“ “ Soldiers’ Home Donation	5.00	
“ “ Soldiers’ Home Dormitory	129.00	
“ “ Andersonville Flag Fund	12.08	
Total cash in all funds Dec. 31, 1904		<u>3,260.45</u>

Respectfully, submitted in F., C., and L.,

S. JENNIE TIRRELL, *Chairman.*

MARY A. BEAL,

KATE J. GIFFORD,

Committee.

Report accepted on motion of Mrs. Reed.

Mrs. Tirrell stated that, owing to the illness of Mrs. Fuller the past month, she was unable to prepare her supplemental report in time for the Auditing Committee to examine; and Mrs. Tirrell therefore asked the privilege of reporting to the incoming Department Council.

Moved by Mrs. Etta A. Clark, of New Bedford, that the Auditing Committee be authorized to report to the incoming Department Council after examining the supplement report of Department Treasurer. [Carried.]*

The following is the Supplemental Report of Department Treasurer:—

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER, 1905.

FROM DEC. 31, 1904, TO FEB. 6, 1905.

Received General Fund	\$922.72	
“ Soldiers’ Home Fund	399.25	
“ Department Relief Fund	1,792.40	
“ Soldiers’ Home donations	5.00	
“ Soldiers’ Home Dormitory	129.00	
“ Andersonville Flag Fund	12.08	
Total cash in all funds Dec. 31, 1904		<u>\$3,260.45</u>

* In accordance with vote of Convention, as above noted, the Auditing Committee reported to the Department Council, and the same is herewith published.

Received per capita tax 14,608 members	\$1,460.80	
“ sale of supplies	342.24	
“ Department Relief Fund	13.96	
“ High school flag	5.00	
“ from Dec. 31, 1904, to Feb. 6, 1905		1,822.00
Total receipts		<u>\$5,082.45</u>
Expenditures, miscellaneous	\$1,010.32	
Expenditures Department Relief Fund	192.03	
Total expenditures		<u>1,202.35</u>
Total cash in all funds Feb. 6, 1905		<u>\$3,880.10</u>

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,
 SARAH E. FULLER,
Department Treasurer.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE ON SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF
 DEPARTMENT TREASURER.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-sixth Convention, Department of Massachusetts, W.R.C.:

We, the Auditing Committee of this Department, have the honor to render the following report:—

We have carefully examined the supplemental report of the Department Treasurer from Dec. 31, 1904, to Feb. 6, 1905, and find it correct.

Cash on hand in General Fund	\$922.72	
“ “ “ Soldiers' Home Fund	399.25	
“ “ “ Department Relief	1,792.40	
“ “ “ Soldiers' Home Donation	5.00	
“ “ “ Soldiers' Home Dormitory	129.00	
“ “ “ Andersonville Flag	12.08	
Total cash in all funds Dec. 31, 1904		\$3,260.45
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Total cash in all funds Feb. 6, 1905		<u>\$3,880.10</u>

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

S. JENNIE TIRRELL, *Chairman*
 KATIE J. GIFFORD,
 MARY A. BEAL,
Committee.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Weston, of Somerville, that a rising vote of thanks be extended Mrs. Fiel, the pianist of the Convention.

The tellers reported the following as the

SECOND BALLOT FOR SECOND MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Whole number of votes cast	359
Necessary for a choice	180
Scattering	4
Mrs. Haynes	4
Mrs. Venables	66
Mrs. Gifford	112
Miss Mecuen	173

And there was no choice.

Mrs. Gifford and Mrs. Venables withdrew as candidates, and the Conductors were instructed to again distribute the ballots.

Mrs. Knowles, addressing Mrs. Ralph, Department President-elect, said: "A very pleasant duty has been given me to perform. As a token of the love of your husband and daughter, these violets will speak a message that they appreciate the honor that has been conferred upon you by this Convention."

Mrs. Ralph appropriately responded.

Mrs. Goddard reported, as chairman of the Committee to visit the Ladies of the G.A.R. and the Ladies' Aid Society Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, that they were cordially received at both Conventions.

Mrs. Ella F. B. Scott, of New York: Mrs. President, I wish to say to the members of this Convention that I am glad to be here and express thanks for the courtesies extended me. There is not a member of this Department who will not say that the work of your President has been well done. I present these colors to you, Mrs. President, for use of the Color Bearers at future Conventions. Honor will come to them, if any additional honor can come to the flag, when they are borne as escort to the comrades who attend your conventions.

I give you, in trust, for the Department of Massachusetts, these flags. They stand for everything holy and lovely on the face of the earth. I present you, Mrs. Warne, this little token of my friendship [a gold souvenir pin].

The Department President pledged Mrs. Scott that the flags will be carefully guarded, and extended thanks for the gifts.

The flag salute was then given, and the members present showed their appreciation of the gift of the flags and the eloquent presentation by Mrs. Scott.

Moved by Mrs. Cain that a rising vote of thanks be extended Mrs. Warne, Department President, for the able manner in which she has presided over the sessions of the Convention.

Mrs. Ralph, Department Senior Vice-President, occupied the chair.

Mrs. Hitchings, of Lynn, offered an amendment that we also include thanks for her clear and distinct voice, enabling all to hear. The motion, as amended, was carried, the members in the galleries uniting in this vote of appreciation.

The tellers reported as follows the

THIRD BALLOT FOR SECOND MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Whole number of votes cast	337
Necessary for a choice	169
Scattering	1
Mrs. Gifford received	98
Miss Mecuen	238

And Miss Sarah L. Mecuen was declared elected.

In the absence of Miss Mecuen (on account of illness), Mrs. Knowles expressed her pleasure at the result of this election, and paid a tribute to the work of Miss Mecuen.

Mrs. Warne, Department President, resumed the chair.

NOMINATIONS FOR THIRD MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Mrs. Gifford was nominated by Corps 106 of Fall River, seconded by Mrs. Sawyer and others.

Mrs. Venables was nominated by Mrs. Wadsworth, seconded by Mrs. S. Jessie Crowell, President Corps 10, Chelsea, Mrs. Holbrooke, Mrs. Mary A. White, President Corps 63, Roxbury, Mrs. Frances E. Somerby, President Corps 3, East Boston, and Mrs. Tuttle, Past President Corps 20, South Boston.

Mrs. Tirrell was nominated by Mrs. Frances R. Sturgeon, Past President Corps 172, Malden, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, President Corps 29, Lynn, Mrs. Gifford, Corps 124, Plymouth, and others.

Mrs. M. Jennie Davis, of Brighton, was nominated by Mrs. Lyman, Past Department President, seconded by Mrs. Etta B. Lyon, President Corps 79, Brighton, on behalf of the Corps, Mrs. Going and Mrs. Knowles, Past Department Presidents, Miss Nellie A. Tracy, Corps 66, East Cambridge, Corps 121, Scituate, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Berry, and Mrs. Lovejoy of Ayer.

Mrs. Lefa M. Miller, of Ashland, Past President, was nominated by Corps 15, seconded by all the delegates.

Mrs. Abbie E. Copeland, Past President Corps 136, Whitman, was nominated by Mrs. S. Agnes Parker, Past Department President, seconded by Mrs. Gertrude M. Easterbrook, President Corps 136, by Mrs. Goddard, Mrs. Jennie M. Tower, President Corps 137, Rockland, Mrs. Annie M. Morey, President for Corps 124, Plymouth, and others.

Miss Hattie L. Shute, Department Instituting and Installing Officer, was nominated by Mrs. Lockhart, past President Corps 66, East Cambridge, seconded by Corps 134, Cottage City, and others.

Mrs. Tirrell declined, and seconded the nomination of Mrs. Gifford.

While the ballots were being distributed and counted, Mrs. Clara H. B. Evans, Department Counselor, read the questions and answers.

The tellers subsequently reported the following as the result of the

BALLOT FOR THIRD MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Whole number of votes cast	306
Necessary for a choice	154
Scattering	3
Mrs. Miller	3
Mrs. Copeland	28
Mrs. Shute	36
Mrs. Venables	55
Mrs. Davis	68
Mrs. Gifford	113

And there was no choice.

The Conductors distributed the ballots for a second vote for third member of the board, the candidates being the same with the exception of Mrs. Miller, who declined.

Mrs. Parker, chairman, presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT ROOMS AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

Boston, Feb. 14, 1905.

MISS MARY E. ELLIOT,

Department Secretary, Mass. W.R.C.

Dear Madam: The annual report of the Committee on the Department Memorial Rooms at the Soldiers' Home is herewith presented:—

Two meetings have been held during the year, the first of which was at the Home. Two members only attended. The furnishings of the rooms were thoroughly inspected, and the most of them found in good condition. It was decided to put in new mantel shelves which would not need draperies, and some very pretty ones of cypress wood were purchased. A new set of hassocks, table covers, and pin-cushions were also purchased, and forwarded to the Home.

The second meeting was held at Headquarters, and attended by two members, at which no new business was transacted.

Since our last visit to the Home a change has been made in the management, caused by the illness of Captain George W. Creasey. Although we are assured a warm welcome and assistance from the new superintendent

and matron, Mr. and Mrs. Nash, we shall miss the cordial greeting and kindly assistance from Captain and Mrs. Creasey. We wish to express our appreciation and for Captain Creasey renewed health.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Feb. 9, 1904	\$4.19
Received from Department Treasurer July 20	6.95
Received from Department Treasurer July 20	3.25
Total receipts	<u>\$14.39</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Three cypress shelves for memorial rooms from A. T. Stearns Lumber Company	\$3.25
William G. Weber Company	6.95
Express . . . . .	.50
Postage and telegram . . . . .	.60
Travelling expenses Mrs. Emma B. Lowd	2.00
Expenses, including postage and Mrs. M. Susie Goodale	2.00
Total expenditures	<u>\$15.30</u>

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

EMMA B. LOWD,
M. SUSAN GOODALE,
S. AGNES PARKER,
Committee.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Turner, that the report be accepted.

Mrs. Parker read a message from Mrs. Lowd, chairman of this committee, stating that she is unable to attend. She sent her "loving greetings to all, and best wishes for a happy and harmonious assembly."

The tellers reported the following as the

SECOND BALLOT FOR THIRD MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Whole number of votes cast	279
Necessary for a choice	140
Scattering	5
Miss Shute	12
Mrs. Copeland	15
Mrs. Venables	38
Mrs. Davis	41
Mrs. Gifford	168

And Mrs. Kate J. Gifford was declared elected.

She was introduced, and expressed her appreciation of the honor.

NOMINATIONS FOR FOURTH MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Mrs. Venables was again nominated by Mrs. Chase.

Mrs. Davis was nominated by Mrs. Knowles. Miss Shute was also again nominated.

Mrs. Lockhart by Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Copeland by Mrs. Parker, and all the nominations were duly seconded.

Mrs. Ralph, Department Senior Vice-President, occupied the chair.

Mrs. Going, chairman, read the following list of nominations for

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Delegate-at-Large.

Sarah E. Woodard, Greenfield.

Delegates.

1. Helen R. Blackmar (Corps 60, Hingham), Boston.
2. Ada A. Booth, Fall River.
3. Helen C. Mulford, Chatham.
4. Abbie D. Danforth, Plymouth.
5. Clara A. Judd, Holyoke.
6. Albina C. Barker, Springfield.
7. Flora A. Smith, Colerain.
8. Sarah J. Rice, Waltham.
9. Mabel E. Niles, Reading.
10. Fannie E. Palmer, Medford.
11. Susie Pierce Tuckerman, East Milton.
12. Elizabeth S. Griffin, Watertown.
13. Anna L. Bell, Milford.
14. Mattie A. Denny, Worcester.
15. Nellie F. Morse, Athol.
16. Georgia A. Collins, Amesbury.
17. Emma P. Ward, Lynn.
18. Eliza A. Baker, Chelsea.
19. Elizabeth J. Hartshorn, Roxbury.
20. Georgia F. Roulstone, Boston.
21. Anna F. Nichols, Ipswich.

Alternate at-Large.

Mary A. Beal, Rockland.

Alternates.

1. Lydia P. Hall, Cambridge.
2. Edna Young (Corps 49), Shirley.
3. Elizabeth B. Pratt, Weymouth.

4. Eliza S. Bugbee, Brookline.
5. Josephine M. Fuller, Canton.
6. Emily L. Corey, Southbridge.
7. Mira M. Taylor, Templeton.
8. Julia A. Palmer, Douglas.
9. Mary J. Parkhurst, Gloucester.
10. Ruth M. Greene (Corps 20), Somerville.
11. Abbie N. Pike, Newburyport.
12. Elizabeth A. Harlow, Haverhill.
13. Susan Stetson, Danvers.
14. May A. Saville, Lexington.
15. Hattie M. Ford, Kingston.
16. Elizabeth A. Bragg, Taunton.
17. Myrtie I. McCullam, Whitman.
18. Mabel L. Little, New Bedford.
19. Jennie E. Sennett, Lee.
20. Ellen M. Barnes, Palmer.
21. Susan Osborne, Westfield.

Mrs. Lovejoy moved that the report be accepted. [Carried.]

Mrs. Pettingill, of Everett, moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for these nominees, when we are ready to vote for delegates and alternates. [Carried.]

The tellers reported the following as the result of the

BALLOT FOR FOURTH MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Whole number votes cast	229
Necessary for a choice	115
Mrs. Lockhart	11
Miss Shute	28
Mrs. Copeland	32
Mrs. Venables	76
Mrs. Davis	82

And there was no choice.

Miss Shute withdrew in favor of Mrs. Copeland.

The following were announced as the candidates to be voted for on the next ballot: Mrs. Davis, nominated by Mrs. Knowles, Mrs. Venables by Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Copeland by Corps 156, Whitman, and Mrs. Lockhart by Corps 66, East Cambridge.

Miss Tracy, chairman, read

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESS CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention:

Your Committee on the Report of the Department Press Correspondent

have read with interest this able report of this most able officer, and submit the following report:—

We agree with the Department President that Mrs. Berry is "the right woman in the right place." With a long experience in newspaper work, a thorough understanding of the requirements of the office, and unbounded loyalty to the Woman's Relief Corps, she has been enabled to present to the public in the best manner the aims and objects of our order and the work it has accomplished.

We trust that every Corps Correspondent will give this report careful consideration, and note the suggestions made. The committee approve the recommendation made; namely, that a letter file be furnished the Department Press Correspondents, that correspondence may be preserved in a manner convenient for reference.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

NELLIE A. TRACY,
LIZZIE C. LAURIAT,
EMMA WESTON,
AGNES E. DAMON,
Committee.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Hitchings, that the report be accepted and recommendation adopted.

Mrs. Killian, for the committee read the messages sent during Convention, namely:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TELEGRAMS AND MESSAGES.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention:

The Committee on Telegrams and Messages take pleasure in submitting the following report, having attended to their duty. Telegrams have been sent to Lucius Field, Department Commander, Joseph W. Thayer, Past Department Commander, Captain George W. Creasey, former Superintendent of the Soldiers' Home, and Mrs. Creasey, Miss Sarah L. Mecuen, Department Inspector, Mrs. Emma B. Lowd, Mrs. Mary G. Deane, Mrs. Emily L. Clark, Mrs. Emilie L. W. Waterman, and Mrs. Josephine A. Burdick, Past Department Presidents, Mrs. Sarah B. Noyes of the Department Executive Board, Mrs. Lelia F. Rockwood, Past Department Patriotic Instructor, General Oliver O. Howard, and a letter to General Horace Binney Sargent, Past Department Commander (now of California), and Mrs. Mary F. Merchant, Past Treasurer of Corps 1, Fitchburg, one of the pioneer workers of this Department.

Some of the messages sent are herewith given:—

BOSTON, February 14, 1905.

HON. LUCIUS FIELD, *Department Commander, G.A.R.*,
Clinton, Mass.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convention, W.R.C., assembled, sends sympathy with wishes for a speedy recovery.

MRS. ANNIE M. WARNE,
Department President.

GENERAL AND MRS. O. O. HOWARD,
Burlington, Vt.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convention, W.R.C., Department Massachusetts, assembled, extend congratulations and best wishes on your Golden Anniversary, Feb. 14, 1905.

ANNIE M. WARNE,
Department President.

BOSTON, Feb. 14, 1905.

JOSEPH W. THAYER, *Past Department Commander, G.A.R.*,
Chelsea, Mass.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convention, W.R.C., assembled, sends sympathy, with wishes for a speedy recovery.

ANNIE M. WARNE,
Department President.

FEB. 15, 1905.

MRS. EMMA B. LOWD, *Past Department President*,
Wrentham Street, Ashmont, care Charles Stiles.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convention, Department of Massachusetts, W.R.C. assembled, send fraternal greetings and pleasant recollections.

ANNIE M. WARNE,
Department President.

FEB. 14, 1905.

MRS. MARY G. DEANE, *Past Department President*,
Fall River, Mass.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convention, W.R.C., assembled, sends greetings, sympathy, love, and wishes for a speedy recovery.

ANNIE M. WARNE,
Department President.

MRS. EMILY L. CLARK, *Past Department President*,
Northampton, Mass.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convention, Department of Massachusetts, W.R.C., assembled, send fraternal greetings and pleasant recollections.

ANNIE M. WARNE,
Department President

PEOPLE'S CHURCH, Feb. 15, 1905.

MRS. JOSEPHINE A. BURDICK, *Past Department President, W.R.C.*,
North Adams.

The Twenty-sixth Department Convention of the W.R.C. extend kindest regards and love from your sisters.

ANNIE M. WARNE,
Department President.

FEB. 15, 1905.

MRS. MARY F. MERCHANT,
86 Elm Street, Somerville, Mass.

Members of the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention, Department of Massachusetts, W.R.C., tender their love and sympathy to you and kindest wishes for your speedy recovery.

ANNIE M. WARNE,
Department President.

FEB. 14, 1905.

MRS. LELIA F. ROCKWOOD, *Past Department Instructor*,
Milford, Mass.

The Twenty-sixth Convention, W.R.C., assembled, sends sympathy, love, and wishes for a speedy recovery.

ANNIE M. WARNE,
Department President.

FEB. 15, 1905.

MRS. SARAH B. NOYES,
59 Third Street, Pittsfield, Mass.

Your sisters in W.R.C. Convention assembled send regrets at your absence.

ANNIE M. WARNE,
Department President.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Murray, of Cambridgeport, that the report be accepted with thanks.

Mrs. Turner moved that the sum of ten dollars be given the janitor of the People's Temple for his services during the two days of Convention. [Carried.]

Mrs. Turner moved that a rising vote of thanks be given the Color Bearers, Conductors, and Guards who have served so faithfully during the Convention. [Carried.]

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Turner, that thanks be extended all entitled to this courtesy for services rendered the Department Convention.

It was voted, on motion of Mrs. Turner, that all unfinished business be referred to the incoming Department Council.

Remarks by Mrs. Parker, Past Department President, who suggested

that the Somerville High School be the one selected to receive a flag at the anniversary next year, as the incoming Department President is a resident of that city.

The tellers reported the result of the

SECOND BALLOT FOR FOURTH MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Whole number votes cast	218
Necessary for a choice	110
Scattering	4
Mrs. Lockhart	21
Mrs. Copeland	54
Mrs. Venables	59
Mrs. Davis	80

And there was no choice.

Mrs. Lockhart declined to be again considered a candidate.

Department President: The Conductors will distribute the ballots; and, while this is being done and the tellers are counting the ballots, we will proceed with other business of the Convention.

Mrs. Knowles, chairman of the Committee on Anniversary, announced the plans for this evening, stating that the front seats and body of the church would be reserved for Posts and the pupils of the East Boston High School.

Mrs. Ella J. Johnson, President General Lander Corps 29, Lynn, presented a handsome bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Tirrell in behalf of the Corps, for which the recipient expressed her appreciation.

Mrs. Warne, Department President, resumed the chair.

The following messages were received:—

"THE BERKSHIRE," No. 192 Dartmouth St., Boston, Mass.,
Feb. 15, 1905.

MRS. ANNIE M. WARNE, *Department President, Massachusetts W.R.C.*

Dear Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-sixth Department Convention: Your message of love and sympathy just received. Accept my heartfelt gratitude for the remembrance and kind wish expressed. My heart is with you all.

As ever, sincerely yours,

EMILIE L. W. WATERMAN,
Past Department President, Massachusetts W.R.C.

ST. LOUIS, MO., FEB. 15, 1905.

ANNIE M. WARNE,

People's Church, Columbus Avenue, cor. Berkeley Street.

Greetings and best wishes to all.

CARRIE R. SPARKLIN.

MILFORD, MASS., Feb. 15, 1905.

MRS. ANNIE M. WARNE, *Department President, Massachusetts W.R.C.*,
People's Church, cor. Columbus Avenue and Berkeley Street.

Accept congratulations on the grand work accomplished by the "Mother Department" during your administration, and loving greetings to every member of the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention.

LELIA F. ROCKWOOD,
Department Special Aide, W.R.C.

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 15, 1905.

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT, W.R.C., in convention assembled.

Greetings! Please accept the greetings and best wishes of the National Department, Daughters of Veterans. May the coming year be filled with success and prosperity!

Yours in F., C., and L.,

IDA E. WARREN,
National President.

Attest: C. MILLIE LEIGHTON, *National Secretary.*

Mrs. Warne, Department President, acknowledged with sincere thanks the following additional gifts, some of which were sent to her home or presented at Headquarters and during the Convention:—

A valuable sapphire and pearl ring from Mrs. Annie E. Higgins, of South Boston, National Aide; sofa pillow from Mrs. Lizzie Hamilton, of Corps 64, Turners Falls, Past National Aide; a silver spoon from Corps 90, Gardner, Mrs. Mary H. Lothrop, President; a handsome bouquet from Corps 95, New Bedford, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Sawyer, President, and from Mrs. Elizabeth R. Berry, Department Press Correspondent (who presented violets); embroidered lunch-cloth from Miss Maggie Richmond of Corps 63, Roxbury, Department Aide; lace set from Mrs. Mary E. Holbrooke, Department Patriotic Instructor; handkerchief bag from Miss Hattie L. Shute, Department Instituting and Installing Officer; gold pin from Corps 74, Plainville, Mrs. Katherine E. Morse, President; silver souvenir spoon from Mrs. Heckman of Corps 74, Plainville; doilies from Mrs. Helen F. Bennett, of Lynn; several boxes of handkerchiefs and a hand-painted pin.

The tellers reported as follows after counting

THIRD BALLOT FOR FOURTH MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Whole number votes cast	196
Necessary for a choice	99
Mrs. Copeland	28
Mrs. Venables	48
Mrs. Davis	120

And Mrs. M. Jennie Davis, of Corps 79, Brighton, was declared elected.

She was escorted to the platform and introduced, expressing her thanks for the confidence reposed in her, and promising to be faithful in the duties of the office.

NOMINATIONS FOR FIFTH MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Mrs. Evans, Past Department President, nominated Mrs. Alice E. Chapman, Past President E. K. Wilcox Corps 14 of Springfield.

Seconded by Corps 14, Mrs. Cora J. Knox, President, by Mrs. Rhoda S. Eldredge, President, on behalf of Corps 18, Northampton, Corps 70, Warren, Miss Nellie Tracy, Corps 136, Whitman, and Mrs. Carrie E. Ray, of Pittsfield.

Mrs. Chase nominated Mrs. Venables, seconded by Mrs. Holbrooke, Mrs. S. Jennie Crowell, President Corps 10, Chelsea, Mrs. Somerby, President Corps 3, East Boston, Mrs. Mary A. White, President Corps 63, Roxbury, and Mrs. Tuttle, Past President Corps 20, South Boston.

Mrs. Beal nominated Mrs. Copeland, seconded by Corps 136, Whitman, Mrs. Gertrude M. Easterbrook, President, by Mrs. Jennie M. Tower, President, on behalf of Corps 137, Rockland, and by Corps 124, Plymouth.

Mrs. Lydiard, President Corps 59, Watertown, nominated Mrs. Carrie B. Livermore, Past President, seconded by Corps 59.

Corps 66, East Cambridge, Mrs. Josephine Walsh, President, nominated Mrs. Lockhart, seconded by Corps 110, Randolph, Mrs. Sarah Poole, President, Miss Helen Houghton, Past President, and others.

While the ballots were being counted, Mrs. Clara H. B. Evans, Department Counselor, continued reading the questions and opinions.

The following is a list of the questions submitted during Convention and answers given by Mrs. Evans, Counselor:—

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

1. Just where should chairs of Conductor and Assistant Conductor be placed at a regular meeting of the Corps?

See officers' positions in Diagram, page 29 of Ritual.

2. Can money be voted from the Relief or General Fund at a special meeting of the Corps?

See Rules and Regulations, Chap. XI., Art. V., Sect. 2.

3. Does the President or her representative make the report of the doings of Convention to her Corps?

The President is the representative of the Corps, and is expected to make the report.

4. Should the Secretary read her name after the records have been approved, or before approval, or should it be read at all?

The name is not read and the records not signed until after the approval of the Corps.

5. As the Treasurer is required to pay for supplies when sending requisition for same, is it necessary for the Corps to take action on the receipted bill?

No.

6. Is the President of a Corps chairman of all committees, unless appointed on such committees?

No.

7. What is the proper course to pursue in regard to a member who is behind in her dues, and has been dropped by her own Corps, who now wishes to become a member of another Corps? She is so far behind that she cannot pay all. By paying one year's dues, could she be given an honorable discharge, that she might join the other Corps?

See Chap. V., Art. IV., Sect. 2, R. & Reg.

8. When a Corps' President calls a special meeting for the election of officers, and transacts all the business of a regular meeting, only notifying the members of the election of officers, is the meeting legal?

No. See R. & Reg., Chap. XI., Art. V., Sect. 2.

9. Can the Executive Committee of a Corps get up a supper or anything to bring in money without the vote of the Corps?

See R. & Reg., Chap. XI., Art. VIII., Sect. 12.

10. How much of the collected correspondence of any Corps (invitations, requests for donations to fairs, general orders, etc.) must be kept under the direct supervision of the Corps Secretary?

Provision is made for the destruction of such matter in Chap. V., Art. XVI., of R. & Reg.

11. When an alternate is nominated, can more than one name be offered for the same position?

Certainly.

12. Should the delegates of a Corps be elected on one ballot, or each one separately?

Ballot should be taken for each.

13. Is it not allowable to have such correspondence as it is necessary to keep stored in an anteroom of the hall instead of at the Secretary's home?

There is no objection to it, if securely locked up.

14. If delegate No. 3 is not able to attend Convention, is alternate No. 1 supposed to take her place, or No. 3?

Alternate No. 1.

15. Is the Assistant Guard obliged to retire to the anteroom and remain, if there are no candidates?

No. She returns to her station, if there are no candidates.

16. When an application is brought in, who holds the money until the applicant is initiated?

The Secretary.

17. Is a member who has not paid any dues since June 30 entitled to vote at election of officers in December? Is she not six months in arrears?

She is not six months in arrears until December 31.

18. Whose duty is it to drape the charter for deceased members in the Corps?

Whoever the President may ask to do it. Usually, the Conductor.

19. What constitutes being in good standing in a Corps?

If a member is more than six months in arrears for dues, she is not in good standing.

20. If there are several candidates to be elected, should the President say to Conductor, "Prepare the ballot-box" for every one, or is the first time sufficient?

It does not seem necessary, but there is no place where it says it need not be done.

21. When a Corps is formed, if some of the applicants have previously belonged to other Corps, shall they show an Honorable Discharge card from the Corps of which they were a member?

Yes, or a Transfer card.

22. Should the Guard or Secretary answer the questions in the Ritual in regard to admission of candidates by reinstatement or transfer?

The President addresses the Guard, and, of course, she should respond.

23. Now that we have a Patriotic Instructor appointed by the President, should there be a patriotic committee appointed also?

Recommendation of Twenty-fourth Department Convention which was adopted reads thus: "That Corps Patriotic Instructors be authorized to appoint assistants to co-operate with them in their work in cities, and also in towns where there are many school buildings, said assistants to be approved by the Corps Presidents."

24. Can a Corps as a Corps help a fair for a deaf-mute school?

Not as Corps, but as individuals.

25. Can a Corps President accept the resignation of an appointed officer or member of a committee without a vote of the Corps?

See R. & Reg., Chap. XI., Art. VI., Sect. 4.

26. Can a Corps change a regular meeting day to another day, and then transact the regular business?

By vote of the Corps the date of the regular meeting can be changed, but every member should be notified.

If a woman is a charter member of a Corps and is dropped for non-payment of dues, and again becomes a member of a Corps after fifteen or sixteen years, does she have the honor of being a charter member?

A woman once having been a charter member and her name enrolled on the charter, she will always have the honor of being a charter member, as a charter is a permanent record and cannot be changed.

The tellers reported as follows—

ELECTION OF FIFTH MEMBER EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Whole number votes cast	171
Necessary for a choice	86
Mrs. Livermore	7
Mrs. Lockhart	18
Mrs. Copeland	20
Mrs. Venables	33
Mrs. Chapman	93

And Mrs. Alice E. Chapman, of Springfield, was elected. She was formally introduced, and expressed her appreciation of the vote of the delegates.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Moved by Mrs. Turner that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Sarah E. Woodard, the nominee for Delegate-at-Large. Seconded by Mrs. Robinson, and carried.

Mrs. Woodard was declared elected.

Mrs. Turner moved that the Secretary cast the ballot for Mrs. Helen R. Blackmar as Delegate No. 1. Seconded by Mrs. Goodale. [Carried.]

Mrs. Blackmar was declared elected.

Mrs. Turner moved that the Secretary cast the ballot for Mrs. Ada A. Booth as Delegate No. 2. Seconded by Mrs. Robinson, and carried.

Mrs. Booth was declared elected.

Mrs. Turner moved that the Secretary cast the ballot for Mrs. Helen C. Mulford as Delegate No. 3. Seconded by Mrs. Goodale, and carried.

Mrs. Mulford was declared elected.

Moved by Mrs. Robinson that the ballot be cast by the Secretary for Mrs. Abbie D. Danforth as Delegate No. 4. Carried, and she was duly elected.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Turner, that the Secretary cast the ballot for Mrs. Clara A. Judd as Delegate No. 5. [Carried.]

Mrs. Judd was elected.

Mrs. Goodale moved that the ballot be cast by the Secretary for Mrs. Albina C. Barker as delegate No. 6. [Carried.]

Mrs. Barker was accordingly elected.

On motion of Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Flora A. Smith was elected Delegate No. 7 by the Secretary casting the ballot, and the election of Mrs. Smith was announced.

Moved by Mrs. Goodale that Mrs. Sarah J. Rice be chosen by the Secretary casting the ballot. Carried, and Mrs. Rice was duly elected Delegate No. 8.

Mrs. Mabel E. Niles was elected Delegate No. 9 by the Secretary casting the ballot, on motion of Mrs. Turner.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Goodale, that Miss Fannie E. Palmer be chosen Delegate No. 10, and that the Secretary cast the ballot. Carried, and Miss Palmer was declared elected.

Mrs. Turner moved that Miss Susie Pierce Tuckerman be elected, and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot. Carried, and Miss Tuckerman was declared elected Delegate No. 11.

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Griffin was chosen Delegate No. 12, on motion of Mrs. Turner, the ballot being cast by the Secretary.

Mrs. Robinson moved that Mrs. Anna L. Bell be elected Delegate No. 13, and that the Secretary cast the ballot. Carried, and Mrs. Bell was elected.

Mrs. Goodale moved that Mrs. Mattie A. Denny be elected Delegate No. 14, and that the Secretary cast the ballot. Carried, and Mrs. Denny was duly elected.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Turner, that Mrs. Nellie F. Morse be chosen Delegate No. 15 by the Secretary casting the ballot. Carried, and the election of Mrs. Morse was announced.

Mrs. Goodale moved that the Secretary cast the ballot for Mrs. Georgia A. Collins as Delegate No. 16. This motion was carried, and Mrs. Collins chosen.

Mrs. Robinson moved that the Secretary cast the ballot for Mrs. Emma P. Ward as Delegate No. 17. Carried, and she was chosen.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Turner, that the Secretary cast the ballot for Mrs. Eliza A. Baker as Delegate No. 18. Carried, and Mrs. Baker was elected.

Mrs. Robinson moved that the ballot be cast by the Secretary for Mrs. Elizabeth J. Hartshorn as Delegate No. 19. Carried, and she was duly elected.

Mrs. Goodale moved that Miss Georgia F. Roulstone be chosen Delegate No. 20 by the Secretary casting the ballot. Carried, and Miss Roulstone was elected.

Mrs. Anna F. Nichols was elected Delegate No. 21, on motion of Mrs. Turner.

ELECTION OF ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The following were duly elected Alternates to the National Convention in the same manner as the Delegates, the Secretary being instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention, each name being voted for separately:—

Mrs. Mary A. Beal, Alternate-at-Large.

Alternates: Mrs. Lydia P. Hall, No. 1; Mrs. Edna Young, No. 2; Mrs. Elizabeth B. Pratt, No. 3; Mrs. Eliza S. Bugbee, No. 4; Mrs. Josephine M. Fuller, No. 5; Mrs. Emily L. Corey, No. 6; Mrs. Mira M. Taylor, No. 7; Mrs. Julia A. Palmer, No. 8; Mrs. Mary J. Parkhurst, No. 9; Mrs. Ruth M.

Greene, No. 10; Mrs. Abbie N. Pike, No. 11; Mrs. Elizabeth A. Harlow, No. 12; Mrs. Susan Stetson, No. 13; Mrs. May A. Saville, No. 14; Mrs. Hattie M. Ford, No. 15; Mrs. Elizabeth A. Bragg, No. 16; Mrs. Myrtie I. McCullum, No. 17; Mrs. Mabel L. Little, No. 18; Mrs. Jennie E. Sennett, No. 19; Mrs. Ellen M. Barnes, No. 20; Mrs. Susan Osborne, No. 21.

Mrs. WARNE, Department President: The public reception in this church this evening, as has been previously announced, is free to all. An interesting programme has been arranged in honor of our Twenty-sixth anniversary. As stated by Mrs. Knowles, chairman of the committee, the front seats will be reserved for posts of the Grand Army of the Republic and other special guests.

I thank all the delegates for their promptness in attending the sessions of this Convention, and for all the friendly acts of kindness extended me. The enthusiasm manifested and the harmony that has prevailed has shown that the delegates and members of the Department Convention of 1905 are devoted to the cause. Again I thank you.



Mary L. Gilman

Chairman Executive Committee,
Twenty-second National Convention Woman's Relief Corps.

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REPORT OF MARY L. GILMAN, CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR NATIONAL
CONVENTION, W.R.C.,
1904.

Boston, Dec. 6, 1905.

MISS MARY E. ELLIOT,

Secretary, Department of Massachusetts, W.R.C.

Dear Madam: In accordance with a vote passed by the Executive Committee for the Twenty-second National Convention, Woman's Relief Corps, I herewith submit through you to the Department President and Department Council, who are the successors of the Department President and Department Council of 1903 which created the Executive Committee, this report of the work of said committee and the various sub-committees through which its plans were executed.

The announcement in the Twenty-first National Convention at San Francisco, Cal., on Aug. 20, 1903, that the Thirty-seventh National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, then in session in the same city, had voted to hold its next National Encampment in Boston, was the signal for which the Massachusetts delegation had been anxiously waiting, and was received by them with manifestations of joy and gratification. Without loss of time, our Department President, Mrs. Clara H. B. Evans, arose, and in her characteristically sweet and affable manner extended to the Convention in behalf of the Massachusetts delegates and the fourteen thousand (14,000) loyal workers whom they represented a warm invitation to partake of the unbounded hospitality for which Massachusetts and Boston were everywhere noted. Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner, who at Milwaukee, Wis., in August, 1889, seconded the invitation of the Department President of Massachusetts to hold the Eighth National Convention in Boston in 1890, performed a similar service here in her unique and convincing style; and the unanimity of the Convention in accepting the invitation was proof that the "Hub of the Universe" would be the Mecca toward which thousands of Woman's Relief Corps pilgrims would turn their faces and bend their steps in August, 1904.

The returning delegates from San Francisco brought with them into Massachusetts a spirit of enthusiasm, which was caught up by the various

Corps, and soon spread throughout the whole Department. The city and suburban press took up the refrain, and the feeling of State pride thus engendered augured well for the success of the coming event.

Dec. 2, 1903, may be said to have been the official commencement of actual work for the Convention, as on that date was held the third meeting of the Department Council, whereat was set in motion the mighty machinery that ran so smoothly and unceasingly for eight long months, producing during the week of Aug. 15 to 20, 1904, the most successful and brilliant National Convention ever known in the history of the Woman's Relief Corps.

At the Council meeting above referred to a letter was read from Department Commander Dwight O. Judd, inviting the co-operation of the Department of Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps in the necessary work of preparing for the Thirty-eighth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Council responded to this invitation by pledging to the Commander a ready and willing support, and proceeded at once to formulate plans for the great undertaking.

Among those plans were the appointment of a General Committee, with Department President Mrs. Clara H. B. Evans as chairman, Mrs. Maria W. Going, Secretary, and Mrs. Fannie M. Jones, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee, with Mrs. Mary L. Gilman as chairman.

The General Committee was to be composed of the members of the Executive Committee, the Corps Presidents of 1904, and members of all sub-committees which should thereafter be appointed.

The Executive Committee consisted of the Department Councils of 1903 and 1904 and twenty-five additional members and the Past Department Presidents.

Further progress was made by the creation of various sub-committees and the election of chairmen thereof, authority being given to each chairman to appoint the members of her own committee and to the Executive Committee to appoint additional members and organize additional committees.

A complete list of these committees, with the members thereof, will be found at the close of this report.

After authorizing the Department President to call together the members of the Executive Committee, the Department Council closed this extraordinary meeting at which was sown the seed that was to result in such an abundant harvest during the following summer.

The Executive Committee was called together by the Department President, Mrs. Evans, and held its first meeting at Department Headquarters on Dec. 16, 1903, the chairman, Mrs. Mary L. Gilman, presiding.

At this meeting a complete list of committees and sub-committees was read by the Department Secretary, Miss Mary E. Elliot, representing the Department Council; and the organization of the Executive Committee

was completed by the election of Mrs. Maria W. Going as Secretary and Mrs. Fannie M. Jones as Treasurer.

With the appointment of the sub-committees began the working out of the many details for the Convention.

The plans of the Executive Committee required hard and zealous work in many places and by many persons before they were completed, but to the honor of our devoted women of the Relief Corps be it said there was at no time a lack of willing hands and loyal hearts.

The chairmen and members of all the committees, numbering in the aggregate seven hundred and sixty-three (763) persons, toiled like bees to make the enterprise a success. Heads were constantly busy in devising new means of contributing to the pleasure of our expected visitors, and hands were constantly occupied in carrying them out.

Fortunate, indeed, it was that such rare discrimination had been displayed in the choice of chairmen of these various sub-committees, for upon their wise leadership depended the successful execution of the orders of the Executive Committee. With less experienced and prudent leaders, success would have been doubtful; with them, success was assured. Their duties were of an onerous and exacting nature and of grave responsibility. The slipping of a single cog in the great wheel by which the machinery was moved might jar the whole structure, but there was no slip. Order and harmony prevailed everywhere, and the carrying out of the plans was perfection.

Many perfecting motions were made and carried at this first meeting, and the chairman was instructed to tender the co-operation of the committee to the Executive Committee of Arrangements of the Grand Army of the Republic, which was done in the following letter:—

HEADQUARTERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
349 OLD SOUTH BUILDING.

BOSTON, Dec. 23, 1903.

COMMANDER DWIGHT O. JUDD,

*Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Encampment,
Grand Army of the Republic, 1904.*

Dear Sir: The Executive Committee of the Department of Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps, having in charge the arrangements for the National Convention of the W.R.C. to be held in Boston, August, 1904, extends its cordial greetings to the committee over which you preside, and in behalf of over fourteen thousand (14,000) members of this Department proffers to your committee and to the Grand Army of the Republic of Massachusetts all the aid, influence, and encouragement within its power to give.

As an earnest of the intentions of this committee, I beg to tender to your committee in its name a lunch for the delegates to the National Encampment, G.A.R., on the days in which it is in session.

With the strongest assurances of the devotion of myself and associates to your noble organization and the committee which you represent, believe me,

Faithfully yours in F., C., and L.,

MARY L. GILMAN,
*Chairman of the Executive Committee
of National Convention, W.R.C., 1904.*

This elicited the following reply:—

HEADQUARTERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT G.A.R. FOR 1904,
347 OLD SOUTH BUILDING, BOSTON, MASS.
BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 16, 1904.

MRS. MARY L. GILMAN,
13 Schuyler Street, Roxbury.

Dear Madam: Your communication of December 23 was read to the Executive Committee to-day. It was received with a great deal of satisfaction, and the following resolution was offered by W. W. Blackmar:—

“Resolved, That we accept the offer of the Woman’s Relief Corps to provide a lunch each day of the National Encampment for the delegates and other profers of assistance, and heartily thank them for their generous action.”

I am very much pleased to be the channel through which this resolution of the General Committee is offered.

We are trying to fit your rooms to-day, and hope to have them in readiness for occupancy by noon Monday.

Very truly yours,

SILAS A. BARTON,
Secretary Executive Committee

As was foreshadowed in the above letter, a room was secured for our committee in the Old South Building, numbered 349, and connected with the rooms of the Executive Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic.

This proved to be a great convenience, as it afforded us the use of a large committee room, besides giving us the benefit of the always sage advice of Secretary Silas A. Barton and his associates.

Our own room was elegantly furnished by the generosity of those acknowledged friends of the veterans, Mr. Charles E. Osgood and Mr. William White, whose liberality to the Woman’s Relief Corps should ever be held in grateful memory.

On Monday, January 18, we took possession of our room, and therein was transacted all of our official business for eight long months. From there was issued the first appeal to the Corps of our Department in the form of the following letter:—

HEADQUARTERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, }
 NATIONAL CONVENTION WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
 OLD SOUTH BUILDING, ROOM 349, 294 WASHINGTON STREET. }

CIRCULAR LETTER }
 No. 1. }

Boston, Jan. 18, 1904.

The Twenty-second National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, to be held at Boston in August, 1904, will bring into Massachusetts many members of our order from all over the country, who will look to this Department for those courtesies and attentions usually extended by a hostess to her guests.

The delegates and visitors from the Department of Massachusetts to other convention cities have been enthusiastically received and bountifully entertained, year after year, by their loyal sisters of the Woman's Relief Corps in the various States visited. The march of time is about to bring those same generous entertainers to our doors, and the duty of extending similar courtesies to them will devolve upon us. Shall we prove equal to the occasion? Much money must be raised in order that the plans of the Executive Committee may be carried out and the reputation of this, the Mother Department of our great organization, properly sustained.

As a means to this end, the Department Council has ordered that a General Committee be formed, to consist of the Department President, Mrs. Clara H. B. Evans, as President, with prominent officers and members of the order in this State and all Corps Presidents in the Department.

Experience shows that funds can best be raised by the several Corps, through their own Corps committees. Hence each Corps is requested to authorize the appointment of a committee, with the Corps President as chairman, whose numbers shall be unlimited, and whose duties shall be to raise funds by entertainments, subscriptions, fairs, bazaars, and such methods as the committee may deem best to adopt, it being understood that the Finance Committee of this Executive Committee stands ready at all times to assist with its advice and experience when requested.

Corps committees should not limit themselves as to the amount to be raised, but should begin early, labor long and faithfully, and forward instalments from time to time to chairman of Finance Committee, Mrs. Harriett A. Ralph, No. 32 Bartlett Street, Somerville, Mass.

In 1890 this Department, with 123 Corps and 8,912 members on January 1 of that year, collected over \$5,000. With 173 Corps and 14,192 members on January 1 of the present year, we should improve upon our record of fourteen years ago, more especially as this committee has tendered a lunch to the delegates of the Thirty-eighth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic during its two days' session.

Corps Presidents are requested to report to the chairman of the Executive Committee, without delay, the organization of their respective committees.

These Headquarters will be open for business on week-days from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., and will be in charge of the Secretary of the Executive Committee, Mrs. Maria W. Going.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

MARY L. GILMAN,
Chairman Executive Committee.

MARIA W. GOING,
Secretary.

Approved.

CLARA H. B. EVANS,
Department President.

MARY E. ELLIOT,
Department Secretary.

As the success of the Corps in raising funds must shape in a large measure the action of the committee, it was essential that a capable Finance Committee be secured, as under its direction all contributions must be raised and accounted for. Fortunate, indeed, were we in having at the head of that committee such an experienced chairman as the Senior Vice-President of the Department, Mrs. Harriett A. Ralph, who served in a similar capacity during the National Convention of 1890. Circular Letter No. 1 was supplemented later on by the following appeal to the Corps from the Finance Committee:—

HEADQUARTERS FINANCE COMMITTEE, }
NATIONAL CONVENTION WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS FOR 1904, }
349 OLD SOUTH BUILDING. }

BOSTON, MASS., April 2, 1904.

To Corps Presidents and Members of the Order:

Time passes so rapidly that in a few brief months our dear old State will again resound to martial music and the tramp of marching hosts, for Boston is the Mecca toward which the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and their many friends will wend their way in August next, to participate in the work and festivities of Encampment Week.

The annual gatherings of the Grand Army and its auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, are occasions of national importance. As year by year the Encampment has been held in the various States of our Union, the entertaining Department has endeavored to do all in its power to make the occasion both profitable and pleasant. It is the earnest wish of the Executive Committee appointed for this purpose to assist in making the gathering of 1904 an occasion long to be remembered, and one that will not detract from the reputation of the pioneer Department of our order for faithfulness and hospitality.

When Boston had the pleasure of greeting the representatives of the two national organizations in 1890, a lunch was served their delegates by the Department of Massachusetts, W.R.C., which was heartily appreciated. It has been voted by the Executive Committee to repeat this feature in August, and the co-operation of every Corps is needed to successfully carry out the plan.

It is estimated that there will be about 1,200 delegates of the Grand Army of the Republic and about 500 of our own delegates to be entertained at luncheon each day, making a total of about 3,400. This will require the sum of nearly eighteen hundred dollars (1,800). That we may meet this and other necessary expenses, the donations from Corps should not be *less* than three thousand (\$3,000) or thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3,500).

In all probability this is the last time you will be called upon to contribute so large a sum. Let every member do her part in assisting the committee to make such arrangements for the entertainment of our distinguished guests, that the Encampment of 1904 may be remembered among the pleasantest ever held.

Full arrangements cannot be made until the Executive Committee know the sum upon which to depend to defray expenses. It is therefore necessary that all PLEDGES be received as soon as possible, and not later than May 15. All donations must be received not later than JULY 15. Pledges and money should be forwarded to the chairman of the Finance Committee, 32 Bartlett Street, Somerville.

Donations from the Corps in 1890 were as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

Corps	1, Fitchburg . . .	\$53.10	Corps	29, Lynn	\$200.00
"	2, Cambridge . . .	75.00	"	30, Beverly	75.00
"	3, East Boston . .	25.00	"	31, Leominster . . .	125.00
"	4, Georgetown . .	10.00	"	32, North Adams . .	15.00
"	5, Medford	75.00	"	33, Lowell	25.00
"	6, Malden	114.00	"	34, Salem	150.00
"	7, Brockton	100.00	"	35, Hyde Park . . .	150.00
"	8, Middleboro . . .	30.00	"	36, Shrewsbury . . .	5.00
"	9, Charlestown . .	50.00	"	37, Pittsfield	10.00
"	10, Chelsea	15.00	"	38, Holyoke	75.00
"	11, Worcester . . .	100.00	"	39, Charlestown . .	68.00
"	12, Danvers	25.00	"	40, Everett	15.00
"	13, Norwell	20.00	"	41, Foxboro	25.00
"	14, Springfield . .	50.00	"	42, Ipswich	60.00
"	15, Ashland	10.00	"	43, Arlington	61.00
"	16, Melrose	25.00	"	44, Adams	10.00
"	17, Holliston . . .	50.00	"	45, Attleboro	10.00
"	18, Northampton .	100.00	"	46, Saugus	30.00
"	19, Amesbury . . .	25.00	"	47, E. Bridgewater .	5.00
"	20, South Boston .	50.00	"	48, Colerain	10.00
"	21, Somerville . . .	11.00	"	49, Ayer	25.00
"	22, Westfield . . .	50.00	"	50, Chicopee	5.00
"	23, Marblehead . .	25.00	"	51, Provincetown . .	25.00
"	24, Merrimac . . .	30.00	"	52, Peabody	25.00
"	25, Waltham	89.55	"	53, New Bedford . .	100.00
"	26, Newburyport . .	50.00	"	54, Walpole	40.00
"	27, Cambridgeport .	34.30	"	55, Lawrence	100.00
"	28, Boston	100.00	"	56, Shelburne Falls .	9.50

Corps	57, Greenfield . . .	\$25.00	Corps	91, Sandwich . . .	\$30.00
"	58, Easthampton . .	5.00	"	92, Montague . . .	10.00
"	59, Watertown . . .	50.00	"	93, Beverly Farms .	25.00
"	60, Hingham	25.00	"	94, Braintree	75.00
"	61, Mansfield	40.00	"	96, Haverhill	25.00
"	62, West Acton . . .	15.00	"	97, Lexington	25.00
"	63, Roxbury	100.00	"	98, Conway	5.00
"	64, Turners Falls . .	5.00	"	99, Stoughton	5.00
"	65, Stoneham	50.00	"	101, Winchendon . .	5.00
"	66, East Cambridge .	75.00	"	102, Grafton	5.00
"	67, Boston	5.00	"	103, Quincy	60.00
"	68, Dorchester . . .	150.00	"	104, Blandford	5.00
"	69, Wakefield	50.00	"	105, South Easton . .	5.00
"	70, Warren	5.00	"	106, Fall River	100.00
"	72, Milford	25.00	"	107, West Medway . . .	12.00
"	73, Northboro	5.00	"	108, Brookfield	10.00
"	74, Plainville	15.00	"	109, Brookline	50.00
"	75, Lowell	25.00	"	110, Orange	50.00
"	76, Palmer	35.00	"	111, Upton	30.00
"	77, Gloucester	100.00	"	112, Templeton	40.00
"	78, Norwood	50.00	"	113, Westminster . . .	10.00
"	79, Brighton	50.00	"	114, Essex	5.00
"	80, Westboro	63.00	"	115, Ware	10.00
"	81, Oxford	5.00	"	117, North Attleboro .	50.00
"	82, Athol	25.00	"	118, Barre	10.00
"	83, Woburn	50.00	"	119, Manchester	10.00
"	84, Woburn	25.00	"	120, Taunton	25.00
"	85, Needham	10.00	"	121, North Scituate . .	10.00
"	86, West Brookfield .	7.75	"	122, Swampscott . . .	25.00
"	87, Groveland	25.00	"	123, Avon	5.00
"	88, Dedham	25.00	"	125, Spencer	25.00
"	89, Randolph	50.00	"	126, Revere	10.00
"	90, Gardner	75.00	"	127, Andover	25.00

The opportunity of contributing to the success of this work is a privilege that should be eagerly sought. To co-operate in the plans for welcoming so many heroes of the Civil War to our State is an honor that should be appreciated by every member of our Department.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

HARRIETT A. RALPH,
Chairman Finance Committee.

M. LIZZIE BULLOCK,
Secretary.

Approved.

MARY L. GILMAN,
Chairman Executive Committee.

ANNIE M. WARNE,
Department President.

Subsequently our Department President, Mrs. Annie M. Warne, issued General Orders No. 5, dated July 11, in which she strongly urged all Corps to make renewed exertions to raise funds for the National Convention.

The influence of all those appeals, together with the personal efforts of the members of the Finance Committee, resulted finally in the handsome sum of five thousand four dollars and twenty-nine cents (\$5,004.29), to which might be added receipted bills to the amount of two hundred seventy-two dollars and sixteen cents (\$272.16) received from the chairman of the Luncheon Committee, Mrs. Dorcas H. Lyman. The Finance Committee undertook to raise sufficient money to pay all the expenses of the Executive Committee of Arrangements for the National Convention. This it did handsomely, and through its valuable aid the Executive Committee was relieved from all embarrassment.

It was necessary in the beginning that the members of our order throughout the country, their friends, and the public generally should be informed of the hearty welcome that awaited them in the Hub, and of the many and unique attractions that were in contemplation for their enjoyment. To this duty the Press Committee, with Miss Mary E. Elliot as chairman, addressed themselves, and well and ably was the work performed.

The daily and weekly press within and without the State was constantly supplied with items of interest connected with the approaching event. Visiting newspaper men and women were entertained in Department Headquarters by this Committee during Convention Week, and the following circular was issued, which proved a mine of information to our visitors:—

HEADQUARTERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
ROOM 349, OLD SOUTH BUILDING, BOSTON, July 30, 1904.

Arrangements for the entertainment of the many hundreds who will visit Boston to attend the sessions of the National Convention and to enjoy the events of "Encampment Week" having been nearly completed, the following information is herewith given:—

Woman's Relief Corps Headquarters have been assigned as follows:—

National W.R.C. Headquarters Hotel Vendome.
Executive Committee of Arrangements for
National Convention, W.R.C. Hotel Vendome.
Department of Massachusetts, W.R.C. . . . Hotel Vendome.

The following Departments W.R.C. will also be located at the Vendome:—

Department of Illinois.
Department of Ohio.
Department of Iowa.
Department of New Hampshire.

Department of New York.
 Department of New Jersey.
 Department of Indiana.
 Department of Pennsylvania.
 Department of California and Nevada.
 Department of Wisconsin.
 Department of Oklahoma.

The following Departments have been assigned, namely:—

Department of Michigan at the Brunswick.
 Department of Maryland at the Beacon House, No. 9 Beacon Street.
 Department of Minnesota at the Berkeley.
 Department of Connecticut at the Berkeley.
 Department of Vermont at the Copley, Copley Square.
 Department of Kansas at the Lenox.
 Department of Rhode Island at Young's Hotel.
 Department of Maine at the American House.

Representatives of the W.R.C. Information Committee, Mrs. Lydia P. Hall, **chairman**, will be on duty the first three days of Encampment Week at the several railroad stations and hotels for the purpose of imparting information to visiting members of the order.

PROGRAMME.

Monday.—A reception will be given at the Vendome on Monday evening from 7.30 to 8.30 o'clock by the National W.R.C., Mrs Sarah D. Winans, President, to Commander-in-Chief Black of the G.A.R., comrades, and friends. A reception will also be given on the same evening at the Vendome, Parlor 2, Mrs. Annie M. Warne, President, from eight to nine o'clock, by the Department of Massachusetts, W.R.C., to which all comrades of the G.A.R., members of the W.R.C., and friends are invited.

Headquarters of the Executive Committee, W.R.C., at the Vendome will be open for visitors during the week.

The Departments of Massachusetts, W.R.C., Mrs. Annie M. Warne, President, will keep "Open House" August 15, 16, 17, and 18 at its headquarters, Room 28, at the Vendome. A cordial invitation is extended to all delegates and friends of the G.A.R. and W.R.C. and to all visitors in the city to call.

The Department of New York, Mrs. Henry A. Wescott, President, will give a reception at its headquarters, Room 252, at the Vendome, from 9 to 10 P.M.

John Adams Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Lue Stuart Wadsworth, chairman of committee, will give a reception Monday afternoon, from 3 to 5 o'clock, to General Black, Commander-in-Chief, G.A.R., Mrs. Sarah D. Winans, National President, W.R.C., and Mrs. Belinda Bailey, National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R., in Pierce Hall, Copley Square.

Tuesday.—There will be a meeting of delegates and alternates of the Department of Massachusetts, W.R.C., at the State Headquarters at the Vendome at 5.30 P.M.

A meeting of the National Andersonville Prison Board, W.R.C., will be held at National Headquarters, W.R.C., at 5 P.M.

The Department of Connecticut, Mrs. Carrie A. House, President, will hold a reception at its headquarters, Parlor 1, at the Berkeley, Tuesday evening, from 7 to 8 o'clock.

Wednesday.—Opening of National W.R.C. Convention in Tremont Temple at 9 A.M.

Complimentary luncheon to the delegates of the G.A.R. in basement of Symphony Hall.

Complimentary luncheon to the delegates of the W.R.C. in Park Street Church at close of morning session.

Delegates to the Convention will be assigned to seats by seniority of Departments.

Washington Elm Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, Mrs. Helen M. Burton, Regent, together with the Cambridge Society, Children of the American Revolution, will entertain at the State Headquarters, D. of R., Colonial Building, Boylston Street, near Tremont Street, August 17, from 10.30 A.M. to 4 P.M. All visiting delegates will be most cordially welcome.

The Massachusetts Army Nurse Association will hold a public reception in the "Hall of the Flags," State House, Wednesday, from 3 to 5 P.M., Mrs. Fannie T. Hazen, President.

Thursday.—Sessions of Convention in Tremont Temple.

A grand campfire, Mrs. Alice M. Goddard, chairman, will be held in Mechanics' Hall, Huntington Avenue, at 8 P.M., under the auspices of the W.R.C. Executive Committee of Arrangements.

General John C. Black, Commander-in-Chief, Mrs. Sarah D. Winans, National President, Clara Barton, and other noted guests will be present. An address of welcome will be given by his Excellency Governor Bates on behalf of the Commonwealth and by his Honor Mayor Collins on behalf of the city.

The Department of Massachusetts, W.R.C., will be represented by Mrs. Annie M. Warne, Department President.

There will be singing, music, the trooping of the colors, and other interesting features. All are invited.

Complimentary luncheon to the delegates, G.A.R., in basement of Symphony Hall.

Complimentary luncheon to delegates, W.R.C., at Park Street Church.

Friday.—Complimentary fish dinner to voting members of the Convention, W.R.C., at "The Pleasanton," Revere Beach, leaving Boston, via Revere Beach and Narrow Gauge Railroad Depot, at 10 A.M.

General Lander Corps of Lynn, Mrs. Millie N. Willey, President, will entertain guests on the return trip, and extend the hospitalities of the city.

Abraham Lincoln Corps of Charlestown, Miss Sarah L. Mecuen, chairman of committee, will give a campfire on Friday evening in Memorial Hall, Green Street, to which National officers and other guests have been invited.

Sarah E. Fuller Tent, Daughters of Veterans of Medford, will give a reception in the historic Royall House to guests, Friday, from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M.

Saturday.—Excursion to Plymouth, train leaving Boston, South Station, Dewey Square, at 8.43 A.M. Tickets for the round trip, one dollar each.

Collingwood Corps of Plymouth, Mrs. Welthea E. Savery, chairman of the committee, will entertain all delegates.

OTHER COURTESIES WILL BE EXTENDED AS FOLLOWS:—

The Headquarters of the Department of Massachusetts, W.R.C., Boylston Building, 657 Washington Street, corner Boylston Street, have been tendered Press Committee for headquarters during the week.

These rooms will be the W.R.C. Press Headquarters, and all visiting members of the press will be cordially welcome.

There will be messenger and telephone service, writing materials, and other arrangements for the free use of the press.

The State organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Evelyn Masury, State Regent, will keep "Open House" at its headquarters, Pierce Building, Room 28, Copley Square, during the entire week.

All visiting members of the G.A.R. and W.R.C. are most cordially invited to call.

Light refreshments will be served each day.

Adams Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, of Quincy, Mass., Mrs. Nelson V. Titus, Regent, will keep "Open House" each day during the week of August 15, from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M.

All visiting guests of the G.A.R. and W.R.C. are invited to call.

The Ladies' Aid Association of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts, Mrs. Harriett A. Ralph, President, will keep "Open House" in the New Century Building, Huntington Avenue, during the entire week, where a cordial welcome will be extended to all.

Mrs. Alice J. Dolbear, of College Hill, has kindly offered to escort parties to the Soldiers' Home.

Mrs. Mary Morton Kehew, President the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, 264 Boylston Street, has tendered to the Grand Army Executive Committee the hospitality of the Union Building to all women who may visit Boston during Encampment Week. The rooms for reading, writing, resting, and lunching, will be open. In the three lunch-rooms simple luncheons will be served at reasonable prices, and a committee will be present to explain the work of the Union.

The members of the Union will co-operate to make the strangers within our gates feel "at home" in Boston.

The Boston Floral Emblem Society, Mrs. Elizabeth Merritt Gosse, President, will keep "Open House" the entire week at the Girls' Latin School-house, Copley Square, furnishing buttonhole bouquets to all visiting veterans who call, from 10 to 12 o'clock each day.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Massachusetts, Mrs. Katherine L. Stevenson, President, will furnish lemonade to the veterans in line during the parade.

The delegates to our city, who will represent an organization of nearly one hundred and fifty thousand patriotic women, will be received with official and cordial courtesies during their stay in the Old Bay State.

To the members of the Woman's Relief Corps in every State and Territory

and to their friends who may accompany them we assure a cordial greeting on behalf of the fourteen thousand members of our Order in Massachusetts.

MARY E. ELLIOT, *Chairman*,
 HARRIETT A. RALPH, *Secretary*,
 C. ELIZABETH BERRY,
 ELIZABETH A. PERRY,
 MARGARET J. MAGENNIS,
 NELLIE A. TRACEY,
 SARAH E. FIELDING,
 NELLIE F. MECUEN,
 EDITH E. ESTES,
 FANNIE A. BROWN,

Press Committee.

Approved.

MARY L. GILMAN,
Chairman Executive Committee.

MARIA W. GOING,
Secretary Executive Committee.

The thousands of visitors who would undoubtedly flock to our city in response to the promised welcome must be provided with suitable rooms in hotels and boarding, lodging, and private houses. This task was assigned to the Accommodation Committee, of which Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner was chairman, and well was the work performed. On Feb. 29, 1904, the committee issued the following circular to Department and Corps Presidents:—

HEADQUARTERS ACCOMMODATION COMMITTEE FOR THE
 TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION, WOMAN'S
 RELIEF CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY
 OF THE REPUBLIC, 349 OLD SOUTH BUILDING. }

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 29, 1904.

To Department and Corps Presidents:

Massachusetts—"The Mother Department" of the Woman's Relief Corps—sends through you a most cordial greeting and an invitation to each and every member of our order from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf, to be with us at our Annual Convention, which convenes in Boston the week of Aug. 15, 1904. There comes with each of these yearly gatherings much for us all to enjoy, as well as much for us all to do. The warm hand-clasp as we look into each other's faces tells of friendships renewed and new ones formed. We shall miss the faces of some that have gone to the "Better Land," but they have left their impress on our hearts as an incentive for us to carry on the good work they have left in our hands. To be true to the motto of the Grand Army of the Republic, and exemplify the *name* our order bears, and so scatter kind deeds and words, like sunshine, in the paths of the veterans and all those whose lives have been made sad by the Civil War.

We are now prepared to furnish the best possible comfort and accommoda-

tions for the Woman's Relief Corps and all that may wish to accompany them. To do this satisfactorily, it is positively necessary we should know how many to provide for. Therefore, an early reply to this circular will be appreciated. Rooms, with board at hotels, from \$2 to \$5 per day, each person, two or three persons in a room. Rooms at hotels, two or three in a room, without board, from \$1 to \$1.50 per day for each person. Lodging, boarding, and private houses, from 75 cents to \$1 per day each person, two or three in a room, with breakfast 25 cents extra, each person. All rooms must be engaged for *not less than three days*

Department Presidents will please forward one copy of this circular to Corps Presidents, with General Orders or blanks, as promptly as possible.

LIZABETH A. TURNER,
Chairman Accommodation Committee, W.R.C.

Registration of rooms was begun April 8 at the Executive Committee Headquarters, 349 Old South Building, and continued until August 15, when seven thousand and fifteen (7,015) rooms were registered, accommodating nearly fourteen thousand (14,000) persons. Four thousand three hundred and ten (4,310) applicants were assigned to rooms; and they, with the many thousands of friends who accompanied them, were sufficient to fill all the rooms registered.

To accomplish all this was a laborious task, involving long hours and fatiguing work; and on several occasions it was not until after one or two o'clock in the morning that the last room was assigned and the chairman felt at liberty to seek her home.

The arrival of the visitors at the railroad stations presented the problem of how to get them to the rooms to which they had been assigned. This was solved, however, in a masterly manner by the Information Committee, of which Mrs. Lydia P. Hall was chairman, the members of which stationed themselves at the North and South Terminals, and with the invaluable assistance of the Sons of Veterans saw to it that visitors were conducted to their proper destination. In addition to this most important duty the committee provided large placards for twenty-five (25) hotels and other buildings, indicating the location of the various Department Headquarters, and in many other ways afforded care and protection to the incoming throngs.

Upon the arrival of the visiting Department officers at their various headquarters, they found new evidences of hospitality in the beautiful and fragrant flowers with which their rooms were profusely decorated by the Floral Committee, of which Mrs. Etta A. Lockhart was chairman. They appeared to have entire greenhouses at their command, for, in addition to the above, they beautified the National Headquarters, the Massachusetts Headquarters, and the Headquarters of the Executive Committee at the Hotel Vendome; while the parlors in which the Reception by the National officers was held were rich with the perfume from fragrant flowers and potted plants. Nor was this all, for from the money especially contributed to

the Floral Fund, they presented luxurious baskets of flowers, to each of which was attached a souvenir spoon, to the National President and other National officers, the Department President, Secretary, and Treasurer of Massachusetts, the Chairman of the General Committee, the Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Executive Committee, and the Commander-in-Chief, General Wilmon W. Blackmar.

The Invitation Committee, Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, chairman, were furnished by the Grand Army of the Republic with nearly five hundred (500) exquisitely engrossed invitation cards, which they issued to prominent persons, including Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Mrs. John A. Logan, and Miss Clara Barton. The two former were forced to decline, but the committee were pleased to receive a favorable reply from the only honorary member of our order, Miss Clara Barton.

To the Reception Committee, with Mrs. Annie M. Warne, our Department President, as chairman, was assigned the pleasing duty of receiving the guests of our order and showing them the courtesies usual on such an occasion. They performed their duty in a praiseworthy manner, carrying the greetings of the committee to the National and to each Department Headquarters.

The Committee on Carriages, with Mrs. Emilie L. W. Waterman as chairman and Mrs. Harriette L. Reed as her valuable assistant, had carriages in waiting at the Vendome and Tremont Temple at all hours for the use of the National officers and our guests.

The Honorary Committee, with Mrs. John L. Bates, wife of our governor, as chairman, and Mrs. Austin C. Wellington as vice-chairman, added *éclat* to the great event, besides contributing one hundred and seventy-five (\$175) dollars to the Convention Fund; and the large General Committee, with Mrs. Clara H. B. Evans as chairman, and practically all of the distinguished members of our Department as members, aided by their counsel and services in helping along the work in every direction, especially in urging the different Corps to make contributions.

The work of the Hall Committee, of which Mrs. M. Susan Goodale was chairman, was made light by the generosity of the Accommodation Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, who paid all bills for halls and incidentals, and the duties of the Committee on Decoration, of which Mrs. Lue Stuart Wadsworth was chairman, were lightened in like manner by the Committee on Decorations of the Grand Army of the Republic, who decorated our Convention Hall, the Department National rooms at the Vendome, and the dining-rooms at Symphony Hall, leaving only the Park Street Church, which was decorated by our committee in a manner creditable to themselves and satisfactory to all.

The Badge Committee, with Mrs. Lizabeth A. Turner as chairman, furnished about one thousand ribbon badges to the chairmen of the different committees, enough to supply each member with a badge for every com-

mittee she served on; and by request of the National President two members of the committee distributed to the voting members of the Convention the souvenir badges furnished by the Badge Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It is only justice to say that the expense of the ribbon badges above mentioned was borne entirely by Mrs. Helen R. Blackmar, wife of our Commander-in-Chief.

The Printing Committee, with Mrs. Clara H. B. Evans as chairman, were always on hand for duty, and acquitted themselves in a commendable manner; and the Conference Committee, of which Mrs. Evans was also chairman, proved to be of great value to the Executive Committee by holding frequent conferences with a like committee of the Grand Army of the Republic on matters concerning both organizations.

Convention week showed the city of Boston in holiday attire. Public buildings were covered with bunting, thousands of flags and streamers flew from business and private houses, and myriads of electric lights formed into Corps badges and other designs transformed the busy metropolis into fairyland. Then came the work of other committees, the members of which had given time and thought and labor in preparation for the long-expected event.

The stay of the representatives and delegates to the National Convention and the thousands who accompanied them must be made enjoyable. Every hour must be filled in with some pleasing diversion, and they must be sent home tired but happy, and full to overflowing with recollections of Boston hospitality.

An important contribution to this end was the splendid and unique presentation of the Living Flag, prepared under the direction of Mrs. Lue Stuart Wadsworth, and exhibited on the day of the great Grand Army Parade, Tuesday, August 16. The flag was formed on a grand-stand built on the Tremont Street mall of the Common, directly facing Temple Place, up which the column marched, thus giving every comrade a full front view. It was composed of two thousand and ten (2,010) school children, clad in caps and blouses representing the colors of the American flag, and was ready for inspection at 9.30 A.M. The children were intensely interested, and their behavior entitles them to the greatest credit. Under the leadership of Mr. James M. McLaughlin, director of music in the Boston public schools, they sang in excellent time and tune the following songs:—

1. Star-spangled Banner.
2. Battle Hymn of the Republic.
3. Keller's American Hymn.
4. Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean.
5. Battle Cry of Freedom.
6. America.
7. Freedom's Land.

8. Hail, Columbia.
9. Dixie.
10. Marching through Georgia.

As the magnificent spectacle burst upon the sight of the marching veterans, and the sweet sounds of the patriotic music greeted their ears, they seemed entranced, then electrified, and then from their throats burst forth such huzzas and cheers as never before greeted the children in their young lives, and in all human probability never will again, should they live to be as old as the veterans themselves. It was an inspiring picture to the on-lookers, an object-lesson in patriotism to the youthful participants, and a cause for just pride to the zealous woman who organized it and carried it to such a successful conclusion.

After the parade came the conventions, and with them the gigantic task of providing dinner for the delegates to the Grand Army Encampment and the Woman's Relief Corps. This was referred to the Luncheon Committee, with Mrs. Dorcas H. Lyman as chairman.

On August 17 lunch was provided at Symphony Hall for twelve hundred (1,200) G.A.R. delegates and at Park Street Church for six hundred and fifty (650) delegates of the W.R.C. and fifty (50) Army Nurses. On the same day supper was served at Park Street Church to three hundred and fifty-eight (358) W.R.C. delegates. On August 18 lunch was served at Symphony Hall to the twelve hundred (1,200) G.A.R. and at Park Street Church to six hundred and fifty (650) W.R.C. delegates and fifty (50) Army Nurses. In all a total of four thousand one hundred and fifty-eight (4,158) meals were served, at a cost of two thousand and eighty-five dollars and seventy cents (\$2,085.70), which was paid by the Executive Committee.

In addition to this the Luncheon Committee raised by contributions the sum of two hundred and seventy-five dollars and seventy cents (\$275.70), with which they were enabled to present cigars to each G.A.R. delegate and handsome souvenir plates to each W.R.C. delegate.

The regular menu of the caterers was largely increased by donations received through the solicitations of the members of the committee, by the aid of which the luncheon was made enjoyable and palatable beyond most affairs of its kind. To feed so many was a great undertaking, one that would appall an ordinary woman; but Mrs. Lyman and her faithful assistants were equal to the task, and the Executive Committee and our whole Department have reasons to be proud of the work accomplished by them.

Besides being housed and fed, our visitors were to be suitably entertained during their stay with us. This, too, was a formidable task, requiring ingenuity and enterprise and experience. All these qualities, however, were possessed in full by the Committee on Entertainment, of which Mrs. Alice M. Goddard was chairman; and they went about their work in a manner that augured well for their success.

In order to facilitate business, sub-committees were formed to arrange for and carry on three separate functions. First was the great Woman's Relief Corps Campfire in Mechanics' Building on Thursday, August 18, the chairman of this sub-committee being Mrs. Goddard. It was a glorious affair, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the immense audience, numbering ten thousand persons, which filled the great building to overflowing. Seated on the platform were many distinguished guests, among whom were Governor John L. Bates and staff, Judge Emmons, representing the city of Boston, the newly elected Commander-in-Chief, General Wilmon W. Blackmar, Adjutant General John E. Gilman, Department Commander Lucius Field, Department President Mrs. Annie M. Warne, Mrs. John L. Bates, wife of Governor Bates, Mrs. Wilmon W. Blackmar, wife of the Commander-in-Chief, Miss Clara Barton, Past National Presidents Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, Mrs. Lizabeth A. Turner, Mrs. Calista R. Jones, and many others.

Mrs. Mary L. Gilman presided in an acceptable manner, and in a few appropriate remarks extended a cordial welcome to all. The first feature of the programme after the welcome by Mrs. Gilman was the trooping of the colors under the direction of Junior Vice-Department Commander J. Payson Bradley, displaying the flags of over fifty Posts, and massing together over one hundred flags, with singing of the "Star-spangled Banner" by Miss Adah Campbell Hussey. Following this was a salute to the flag, given by one hundred ladies, Color Bearers of the Woman's Relief Corps with their flags, under the direction of Mrs. Mary E. Knowles and Mrs. Fannie M. Jones, the whole being a most inspiring sight, and one which those privileged to see will not soon forget.

The music furnished for the evening by the Eighth Regimental Band was especially fine. Short addresses were made by Governor Bates, Judge Emmons, Commander-in-Chief General Blackmar, Adjutant General Gilman, General Carrington, Department Commander Lucius Field, Department President Mrs. Annie M. Warne, Miss Clara Barton, Mrs. Lizabeth A. Turner, and Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller. Interspersed between these speeches were selections by the Schubert Male Quartette, Columbia Post Quartette, of Chicago, and whistling solos by Miss Ella Chamberlain. The vast audience remained to the end, and joined in singing the closing number of "America."

On Friday, August 19, at 10 A.M., the Sub-committee on Fish Dinner, with Mrs. Augusta A. Wales as chairman, with about four hundred delegates and invited guests, took the train for Revere Beach, where at Hotel Pleasanton an excellent shore dinner was served, to which all did full justice. After dinner the various places of amusement were visited, and at 3 P.M. the train was taken for Lynn in response to an invitation from Corps 29 of that city, where at the station carriages and automobiles were in waiting to take the visitors to G.A.R. Hall, where they were taken in charge by the Reception Committee of Corps 29, and everything possible was done for their entertainment. A fine banquet was served, trips were taken in car-

riages, automobiles, and boats to near-by points of interest, and each guest was presented with a souvenir of the chief industry of the city. Great credit is due to the chairman, Mrs. Rosa Sprague, as also Mrs. S. Jennie Tirrell and the other members of the committee of Corps 29 who so ably carried out the programme of the day.

The Sub-committee on the Trip to Plymouth, with Miss Mary E. Elliot as chairman, took charge of the delegates and guests on Saturday, August 20; and, though the day was rainy, it could not dampen the ardor of the four hundred who left the South Station at 8.45 A.M. to visit the first landing-place of the Pilgrim Fathers. At Whitman, Comrade Savery, Past Commander of Collingwood Post, boarded the train, and distributed souvenirs of Plymouth Rock to all.

On our arrival at the station, Collingwood W.R.C. had carriages in waiting to carry the visitors to all points of interest. The two objects of interest they most desired to see were the Plymouth Rock, on which the visitors had the privilege of standing, and the splendid monument erected to the memory of the Pilgrim Fathers.

After the visitors had returned from sight-seeing a delicious luncheon was served to all by Collingwood Corps, after which a reception was given to National and Department officers, and a very sociable time ensued.

Many thanks are due to Mrs. Welthea E. Savery, who was untiring in her efforts to make the affair a notable success, and to Mrs. Abbie D. Danforth, who generously placed her home at the service of the visitors for a headquarters and place of rest.

In all large gatherings, especially where there are many women, cases of accidents or sudden illness are liable to occur. To provide for such was the duty of the Emergency Committee, of which Mrs. Delilah S. Davis was chairman; and their work was performed in a humane and tender manner. Through the generosity of Mr. Charles E. Osgood, couches were placed in rooms adjoining the Convention Hall, which were furnished with bed linen by the kindness of Mrs. Lydia P. Hall. Six delegates were taken sick during the two days of the Convention, and two during the trip to Revere. All were treated by Dr. Orpha D. Bruce, of the committee, who freely gave medical attendance and medicine as her valuable contribution to the cause.

The Executive Council, of which Mrs. Mary L. Gilman was chairman, had power to act in cases of emergency during the recess of the Executive Committee; and, while it stood ready to perform its duty at any time, so frequent were the meetings of the Executive Committee, it was found necessary to hold only two meetings. All its members, however, served faithfully on other committees.

Monday, the opening day of the eventful week, was marked chiefly by the parade of the Naval Veterans, ex-Prisoners of War, Sons of Veterans, and other organizations. It was a fitting introduction to the events that followed, and was viewed from the grand-stands with delight and apprecia-

tion by our delegates and guests, for whom about five hundred tickets had been secured by our committee.

Tuesday, August 16, was the long-looked-for and, to the general public, the all-important day of the whole week, the day of the grand parade; and every desirable spot along the line of march was early occupied by interested spectators. Sidewalks and streets, steps and windows, even the very roofs, were filled with the eager multitude, all waiting for the dear old veterans, many of whom were to participate in their last march in this world. At 10 A.M., from the corner of Massachusetts and Commonwealth Avenues, they started, Commander-in-Chief John C. Black in the van, with a brilliantly mounted staff, under escort of E. W. Kinsley Post 113 of Boston. Up through Commonwealth Avenue, Charles and Beacon Streets, they passed to the State House, which was finely decorated, and on the grounds of which had been erected an extensive grand-stand, whereon were seated the members of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, with thousands of their friends, and in the centre his Excellency Governor John L. Bates, our United States senators and representatives, ex-governors, and distinguished guests, who reviewed the column as it passed along. Down Beacon to School Street they marched in review before his Honor Patrick A. Collins, Mayor of Boston, who stood in front of a stand that covered the whole area between the street and City Hall, which building was elaborately decorated with flags and bunting. Still on, through Washington, Milk, and Devonshire Streets, they marched to Winthrop Square, where was another stand, the most significant of all, filled with disabled veterans, whose hearts beat with pride as their still active comrades passed by, but whose eyes bore a sad expression as if longing to be once more in the ranks with their more favored comrades. From there the march continued through Summer and Washington Streets to Temple Place, opposite which, on the Tremont Street Mall of the Common, was placed the grandest and most inspiring spectacle of all, the Living Flag, with its two thousand (2,000) school children, clothed in red, white, and blue, and singing patriotic songs. It was a glorious sight, never to be forgotten, and many of the veterans' eyes were dimmed with tears as they recognized the living resemblance to the starry banner for which they fought four decades ago. The march of the column through Tremont and Boylston Streets was the opportunity of the Woman's Relief Corps, the delegates and members of which occupied many seats on the long line of grand-stands erected by the Executive Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic on the malls of the Common.

There were cheers and clapping of hands and waving of handkerchiefs from the gathered thousands, but there were also tears and stifled sobs and sorrowing heart-throbs as the venerated patriots passed by with whitened hair and bowed heads, bent forms and faltering steps, and the sad truth was forced upon the minds of the vast populace that never again would the

streets of Boston be consecrated to Liberty and Unity by those gallant men who in the heyday of their youth offered their lives in defence of those two great principles.

The remaining days of the week were fully occupied in pleasure and sight-seeing, as has been related in the preceding pages of this report.

During the sessions of the National Convention itself the comfort of the delegates was amply provided for. Help was employed in the ante-rooms to wait on members. The officers of the Executive Committee were present to render assistance and impart information. The Department President and her officers escorted the officers of the Convention to and from luncheon, and carriages were held at the entrance of the hall for their convenience.

While the extensive preparations for the reception and entertainment of our guests called for hard and unremitting labor, it was labor that was congenial to all of our loyal workers; and, because it was a labor of love, the service seemed lighter, and therefore easier to perform.

Upon the recommendation of the chairman the Executive Committee voted to turn over to the Department Relief Fund all moneys remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, after paying all expenses.

The Executive Committee is deeply appreciative of the good work of the faithful Corps in our Department and their many members who served on our committees, and by its instructions I forwarded the following Circular Letter of thanks, with a financial statement, to every Corps:—

	HEADQUARTERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,	}
	TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,	
	AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,	
	ROOM 17, 657 WASHINGTON STREET.	}
CIRCULAR LETTER,		}
No. 3.		

Dec. 14, 1904.

To the Corps of the Department of Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps:

I am directed by a vote of the Executive Committee for the Twenty-second National Convention Woman's Relief Corps to express to every Corps who assisted in making the late Convention such a brilliant success its profound appreciation and deep gratitude, and to assure them that their noble and unselfish contributions, both in money and services, not only upheld the former record of dear old Massachusetts, but won for her an enviable reputation throughout the entire order for ability, generosity, and hospitality.

The Department of Massachusetts and every Corps therein have a right to feel proud of the reception accorded the delegates and visitors from other Departments to the Old Bay State.

Ever since the return of the visitors to their homes they have been profuse in their praise of the good people of Massachusetts, and letters from individuals and General Orders from Department Presidents have teemed with expressions

of admiration and gratitude for the extraordinary efforts put forth by our home members to make the late Convention enjoyable.

The Executive Committee, who were your agents in the great undertaking, could have accomplished little but for the substantial aid furnished by you.

From the ranks of our Corps came the members of all committees, whose services were invaluable. From the treasuries of the Corps came the contributions without which those services would have been of little avail. From the brains of our Corps came the ability to propose and plan and execute, and from the loyal hearts of our Corps came that grand spirit of enthusiasm that inspired the masses and spurred us all on to think and do and dare and achieve in the end such triumphant results.

To you, then, Corps of the Department of Massachusetts, and especially to your members who served so zealously and faithfully on our sub-committees, the deep and abiding thanks of this Executive Committee are cordially and lovingly tendered.

In order that you, who supplied the funds, may know to what extent those funds were expended, a brief financial statement is herewith submitted:—

Total amount of money received	\$5,064.49
Disbursements as per bills rendered	4,270.88
Balance on hand	\$793.61

The balance on hand, minus incidental expenses yet unpaid, will, by vote of the Executive Committee, be turned over to the Department Relief Fund.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CORPS.

Corps 1, Fitchburg . . .	\$50.00	Corps 19, Amesbury . . .	\$15.00
" 2, Cambridge . . .	50.00	" 20, South Boston† . .	30.00
" 3, East Boston* . .	14.00	" 21, Somerville . . .	100.00
" 4, Georgetown . . .	10.00	" 22, Westfield	10.00
" 5, Medford	30.77	" 23, Marblehead . . .	10.00
" 6, Holliston	25.00	" 24, Merrimac	25.00
" 7, Brockton	100.00	" 25, Waltham	60.25
" 8, Middleboro . . .	25.00	" 26, Newburyport . .	50.00
" 9, Charlestown . . .	20.00	" 27, Cambridgeport . .	25.00
" 10, Chelsea	25.00	" 28, Boston‡	100.00
" 11, Worcester	25.00	" 29, Lynn§	150.50
" 12, Danvers	50.00	" 30, Beverly	86.50
" 13, Lowell	10.00	" 31, Leominster	50.00
" 14, Springfield . . .	50.00	" 32, North Adams . .	10.00
" 15, Ashland	20.00	" 33, Lowell	28.00
" 16, Melrose	28.75	" 34, Salem	75.00
" 17, Orange	15.00	" 35, Hyde Park	27.00
" 18, Northampton . .	25.00	" 36, Shrewsbury	10.00

*Corps 3, East Boston, turned over to Post \$159, and expended \$180.75 for entertaining.

†Corps 20, South Boston, presented Post 2 \$50 to assist in entertaining.

‡Corps 28, Boston, presented Post 7 with \$100 to assist in entertaining

§Corps 29, Lynn, expended in entertaining \$139.24.

Corps	37, Pittsfield	\$31.00	Corps	82, Athol	\$100.00
"	38, Holyoke	25.00	"	83, Groton	10.00
"	39, Charlestown . . .	85.00	"	84, Woburn	25.00
"	40, Everett II	25.00	"	85, Needham	10.00
"	41, Foxboro	15.00	"	86, Nantucket	10.00
"	42, Ipswich	75.00	"	88, Boston	16.25
"	43, Arlington	50.00	"	89, Franklin	5.00
"	44, Marshfield	10.58	"	90, Gardner	50.00
"	45, Attleboro	10.00	"	91, South Boston . . .	15.00
"	46, Saugus	25.00	"	92, Montague	5.00
"	47, E. Bridgewater . .	20.00	"	93, Beverly Farms . .	25.00
"	48, Colerain	5.05	"	94, South Braintree . .	5.00
"	49, Ayer	25.00	"	95, New Bedford . . .	50.00
"	50, Peabody	36.00	"	96, Haverhill	25.00
"	51, Provincetown . . .	5.00	"	97, Lexington†† . . .	25.00
"	52, Eastondale	10.20	"	99, Stoughton	5.00
"	53, New Bedford . . .	50.00	"	100, Canton	35.00
"	54, Walpole	25.00	"	101, Winchendon . . .	5.00
"	55, Lawrence	25.00	"	102, Weymouth	105.00
"	56, Shelburne Falls . .	5.00	"	103, Quincy	20.00
"	57, Greenfield	10.00	"	105, Upton	15.00
"	58, Easthampton . . .	10.00	"	106, Fall River	25.00
"	59, Watertown	50.00	"	107, West Medway . . .	10.00
"	60, Hingham	125.00	"	108, Abington	19.00
"	61, Mansfield	5.00	"	109, Brookline	125.00
"	62, West Acton	50.00	"	111, Pembroke	5.00
"	63, Roxbury**	124.00	"	112, Templeton	10.00
"	64, Turners Falls . . .	5.00	"	113, Westminster . . .	25.00
"	65, Stoneham	25.00	"	115, Ware	10.00
"	66, East Cambridge . .	50.00	"	116, Amherst	15.00
"	67, Boston	10.00	"	117, North Attleboro .	5.00
"	68, Dorchester	100.00	"	118, Webster	11.00
"	69, Wakefield	50.00	"	119, Manchester	25.00
"	70, Warren	10.00	"	120, Taunton	40.00
"	71, Southbridge	25.00	"	121, Scituate	11.50
"	72, Milford	101.85	"	122, Swampscott . . .	25.00
"	73, Northboro	10.00	"	123, Avon	5.00
"	74, Plainville	20.00	"	124, Plymouth‡‡	
"	75, Lowell	25.00	"	125, Spencer	5.00
"	76, Palmer	10.00	"	126, Revere	12.00
"	77, Gloucester	50.00	"	128, Reading	50.00
"	78, Norwood	10.00	"	129, Pittsfield	15.00
"	79, Brighton	25.00	"	130, Sturbridge	5.00
"	80, Westboro	10.00	"	131, East Pepperell . .	10.00
"	81, Belchertown	5.00	"	132, Sandwich	15.00

‡ Corps 40, Everett, expended, assisting the Post in entertaining, \$132.23.

** Corps 63, Roxbury, presented Post 26 with \$100 to assist in entertaining.

†† Corps 97 presented Post 119 with \$325 to assist in entertaining.

‡‡ Corps 124, Plymouth, expended in entertaining, \$124, and presented Post 76 with \$50.

Corps 134, Cottage City . . .	\$15.00	Corps 172, Malden	\$20.00
" 136, Whitman	50.00	" 173, Rockport	30.00
" 137, Rockland	50.00	" 174, So. Framingham . . .	50.00
" 138, Hopkinton	29.00	" 175, Hyannis	15.00
" 139, Great Barrington . . .	5.00	Norfolk Co. Association . . .	5.00
" 140, Holden	10.00	Plymouth Co. "	15.00
" 141, South Chatham	5.00	Suffolk Co. "	10.00
" 142, Falmouth	10.00	Barnstable Co. "	10.00
" 143, Duxbury	10.00	Worcester Co. "	10.00
" 144, Hanover	25.00	Bristol Co. "	10.00
" 145, Monson	10.00	Essex Co. "	15.00
" 146, Hanson	5.00	Middlesex Co. "	10.00
" 147, Milton	15.00	Mrs. Minnie Besse, Nat'l Aide,	5.00
" 149, Lee	10.00	Mrs. Aurilla B. Daggett, Nat'l	
" 150, Rutland	5.00	Aide	3.75
" 151, Wareham	15.00	Mrs. R. J. Manning	5.00
" 152, Leicester	50.00	Miss E. B. Smith . . . . .	.80
" 153, Uxbridge	10.00	Mrs. Emma L. Davis	1.00
" 154, North Brookfield	5.00	Friends, through Mrs. E. E.	
" 156, Bourne	6.00	Hayward	5.00
" 157, Boston	16.00	Mrs. Harriet M. Scott, Army	
" 160, Adams	10.00	Nurse	2.00
" 161, Woburn	50.00	A Friend	5.00
" 162, Sheffield	10.00	Mrs. Oliver Ames, Sr.	100.00
" 163, Kingston	5.00	Mrs. Helen R. Blackmar for	
" 164, Northfield	10.00	badges	91.00
" 165, Enfield	5.00	Eugenia M. Phillips, M.D. . .	1.00
" 167, South Deerfield	2.00	Mrs. Austin C. Wellington . .	25.00
" 169, Bridgewater	17.00	Mrs. Henry Cabot Lodge . . .	25.00
" 170, E Bridgewater	25.00	Mrs. Wm. A. Bancroft	25.00
" 171, Ashburnham	10.00		

SPECIAL FUNDS.

<i>Floral Committee.</i>		<i>Decoration Committee.</i>	
Corps 43, Arlington	\$10.00	Corps 110, Randolph . . .	\$2.50
" 2, Cambridge	12.00		
" 27, Cambridgeport . .	10.00		
" 40, Everett	2.00		
" 10, Chelsea	1.00		
" 29, Lynn	10.00		
" 21, Somerville	2.00		
" 147, Milton	1.00		
" 63, Roxbury	5.00		
" 110, Randolph	2.50		
" 66, Cambridge	10.00		
Mrs. N. R. Bradford	8.00		
Mrs. George McDonald . . .	5.00		
		<i>Luncheon Committee.</i>	
		Corps 27, Cambridgeport . .	\$5.00
		" 63, Roxbury	5.00
		" 79, Brighton	5.00
		" 23, Marblehead	5.00
		Dorcas H. Lyman, chairman	
		Lunch Committee*	1.54

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

MARY L. GILMAN,
Chairman Executive Committee.
 MARIA W. GOING,
Secretary.

Our deep and lasting gratitude is due, and hereby tendered, to the Executive Committee of Arrangements for the National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic; who were invariably kind to us, and helped us in various ways.

Many courtesies were extended to us by them, chief of which were Tremont Temple, anterooms, and attendant expenses for our National Convention, Headquarters at the Vendome for our Executive Committee, parlors at the Vendome for the reception of our National President, and a large committee-room in the Old South Building for our committee meetings, decorations for Tremont Temple and Executive Committee Headquarters, six hundred and fifty (650) grand-stand seats on the Parade and six hundred and fifty (650) grand-stand seats for the Charles River Carnival, souvenir badges of artistic design for each voting member of our committee, five hundred (500) embossed invitations for our invited guests, and six hundred (600) copies of Ginn's Guide Book for our delegates and guests.

Others there were who contributed largely to our success, and in behalf of the Executive Committee I extend its most grateful acknowledgments to Department President Mrs. Annie M. Warne for use of Department Headquarters during Convention Week for the Press Committee, and to Mr. Caleb Buckman for decorating the same.

*In addition to this sum, the chairman of the Luncheon Committee turned over to the chairman of Finance Committee receipted bills to the amount of \$274.16, that had been paid from donations to the members of this committee, thus making the total receipts from all sources \$5,320.45.

To Captain George W. Creasey, late superintendent of the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea, for the loan of a picture of the late Past National President E. Florence Barker to hang in our Headquarters.

To General William A. Bancroft and the officials of the Boston Elevated Road for their unrivalled civility to our visitors.

To the press of our city and State for so largely aiding in the success of Convention Week.

To Harry E. Holbrook, Division Commander of the Sons of Veterans, for the invaluable services rendered by the members of his organization at our Campfire and other functions during the whole week.

To Miss Ella Chamberlain for her voluntary services at our Campfire.

To the Ladies' Honorary Committee for their cheerful co-operation with and contributions to the Executive Committee.

To Corps 29 of Lynn and 124 of Plymouth for courtesies and hospitality extended to our committees and guests.

To Major Charles G. Davis for tickets to the grand-stand on Monday and to the Campfire of the ex-Prisoners of War on Monday night.

To Superintendent of Police William B. Pierce and the officers under his charge for their unusual and protracted duties faithfully performed.

To Mr. Charles E. Osgood for carpeting and furnishing our committee-rooms and for couches for Tremont Temple.

To Mr. William White for desks and office chairs for Executive Committee Headquarters at Old South Building.

To General Thomas Sherwin, President of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, for desk telephone at Committee Headquarters at the Hotel Vendome.

To Mrs. Sarah Gallup, of Leominster, for her contribution of fourteen hundred (1,400) flags for the dinner table of the Grand Army of the Republic in Symphony Hall.

To Mrs. Nelson V. Titus, Regent of the Quincy Adams Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, for invitation to all members of our order to visit the President Adams homestead in Quincy.

To Mrs. Isabella A. Potter, President Woman's Club-house Corporation, for tender of halls and parlors in New Century Building for the week of Convention.

To Elmer E. Chickering for photographs of members of the Executive Committee, for a group picture of the officers of the Executive Committee for Department Headquarters, and for various other pictures to sub-committees and the Press.

To Mrs. Helen M. Burton, Regent of the Washington Elm Chapter of Daughters of the Revolution, for hospitality to our visitors in Colonial Building on August 17.

To Sarah E. Fuller Tent, Daughters of Veterans, for reception to guests at the Royall House at Medford.

To the State organization, Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Evelyn Masury, State Regent, for keeping "Open House" during the entire week at its headquarters in Pierce Building, Copley Square.

To the comrades of Post 7 for the use of their headquarters, G.A.R. Hall, for two meetings, one for the General and one for the Executive Committee.

To the Ladies' Aid Association of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts, Mrs. Harriett A. Ralph, President, for keeping "Open House" the entire week in the New Century Building.

To Mrs. Alice J. Dolbear, of College Hill, for escorting visitors to the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea.

To the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, Mrs. Mary Morton Kehew, President, for use of building to lady visitors.

To the Boston Floral Emblem Society, Mrs. Elizabeth Merritt Gosse, President, for keeping "Open House" the entire week.

My duties as chairman of the Executive Committee have been made easy by the patience and forbearance of the members and by the able and unremitting assistance of the Secretary, Mrs. Maria W. Going, and the Treasurer, Mrs. Fannie M. Jones, to all of whom I tender my very sincere thanks.

I am personally grateful to Mrs. Etta A. Lockhart and certain members of the Floral, Information, and Luncheon Committees for their beautiful testimonial.

LIST OF COMMITTEES.

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136	Whitman	Mrs. Myrtie I. McCallum.
137	Rockland	Mrs. Jennie M. Tower.
138	Hopkinton	Mrs. Abby J. Piper
139	Great Barrington	Mrs. Kate M. Robinson.
140	Holden	Mrs. Hattie A. Farrar.
141	South Chatham	Mrs. Mary B. Small.
142	Falmouth	Mrs. Sylvia B. Lincoln.
143	Duxbury	Mrs. Susan J. Holmes.
144	Hanover	Mrs. Lomyra H. Sturtevant.
145	Monson	Mrs. Lizzie P. Beckwith.
146	Hanson	Mrs. Lydia A. Sampson.
147	Milton	Mrs. Jennie C. Fletcher.
148	Oxford	Mrs. Ella C. Newton.
149	Lee	Mrs. Ellen I. De Forest.
150	Rutland	Mrs. Harriett A. Healy.
151	Wareham	Mrs. Addie F. Drapè.
152	Leicester	Mrs. Delia A. Ashely.
153	Uxbridge	Mrs. Stella C. Seagrave.
154	North Brookfield	Mrs. Agnes P. Damon.
155	Williamstown	Mrs. Mary J. Goodrich.
156	Bourne	Mrs. Julia A. Weeks.
157	Boston	Miss Marie B. Shepard.
158	Plainfield	Mrs. Mary C. Loud.
159	East Douglas	Mrs. Loretta M. Sweet.
160	Adams	Mrs. Mattie E. Simmons.
161	Woburn	Mrs. Helen E. Patten.
162	Sheffield	Mrs. Ruthetta Stone.
163	Kingston	Mrs. Emilie L. Foster.
164	Northfield	Mrs. Mary J. Doolittle.
165	Enfield	Mrs. Lillian M. Olds.
166	Housatonic	Mrs. Ida M. Nicholas.
167	South Deerfield	Mrs. Emma Sanderson.

No.	Location.	President.
169	Bridgewater	Mrs. Charlotte G. Ripley.
170	East Bridgewater	Mrs. Jennie R. Warren.
171	Ashburnham	Mrs. Jennie S. Stowe.
172	Malden	Mrs. Jennie P. Gould.
173	Rockport	Mrs. Lydia K. Margeson.
174	South Framingham	Mrs. Bertha M. Videto.
175	Hyannis	Mrs. Christie W. Gibbs.

LADIES' HONORARY COMMITTEE.

Mrs. John L. Bates, East Boston.	Mrs. E. V. Mitchell, Medfield.
Mrs. Curtis Guild, Jr., Boston.	Mrs. Evelyn T. Masury, Danvers.
Mrs. Wilmon W. Blackmar, Boston.	Mrs. Nelson V. Titus, Quincy.
Mrs. William A. Bancroft, Cambridge.	Mrs. Caroline P. Heath, Boston.
Mrs. Adeline F. Fitz, Chelsea.	Mrs. Ella C. R. Whiton, Dorchester.
Mrs. Leonard B. Chandler, Somerville.	Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, Boston.
Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, Melrose.	Mrs. E. M. White, South Framingham.
Mrs. Austin C. Wellington, Cambridge.	Mrs. Ann M. Sprague, Boston.
Mrs. Augustine J. Daly, Cambridge.	Mrs. Emmeline C. Ricker, Dorchester.
Miss Alice Ayers, Medford.	Mrs. Mary W. Davis, Boston.
Mrs. John D. Long, Hingham.	Mrs. Eliza J. Bates, Allston.
Mrs. Patrick Collins, Brookline.	Mrs. W. W. Potter, Brookline.
Mrs. J. G. B. Adams, Lynn.	Mrs. May Alden Ward, Boston.
Mrs. Oliver Ames, Sr., Boston.	Mrs. J. Q. A. Brackett, Arlington.
Mrs. C. E. Osgood, Boston.	Mrs. Henry Cabot Lodge, Washington, D.C.
Mrs. E. E. Willard, Chelsea.	Mrs. Micah Dyer, Dorchester.
Mrs. Lauris Page, Mattapan.	Mrs. Sara White Lee, Brookline.
Miss Helen T. Wild, Medford.	
Mrs. Harriet J. Haskell, Newton Centre.	

REPORT OF TREASURER.

SOMERVILLE, Jan. 28, 1905.

MRS. MARY L. GILMAN,

Chairman Executive Committee, National Convention, W.R.C.

Dear Madam: As Treasurer, I have the honor to render the following report of receipts and expenditures:—

RECEIPTS.

Received from Mrs. Harriette A. Ralph, chairman Finance Committee,	\$5,046.29
Interest on deposits	18.96
Total cash receipts	\$5,065.25
Receipted bills of Luncheon Committee	274.16
Total	\$5,339.41

Amount brought forward \$5,339.41

EXPENDITURES.

Paid bills of Executive Committee (as per vouchers)		\$961.82
Entertainment	" "	514.45
Press	" "	33.20
Auditing	" "	6.74
General	" "	3.15
Badge	" "	93.31
Invitation	" "	14.75
Hall	" "	15.00
Decoration	" "	52.25
Finance	" "	20.30
Lunch	" "	2,512.06
Carriage	" "	215.00
Floral	" "	116.49
Accommodation	" "	46.18
Information	" "	5.25
		<u>\$4,609.95</u>
Balance		\$729.46
December 8 and 31 turned over to Department Treasurer		729.00
January 28 turned over to Department Treasurer		<u>\$0.46</u>

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

FANNIE M. JONES,
Treasurer.

This report marks the passing of the Executive Committee of Arrangements for the Twenty-second National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps. Hereafter it will be to its members but a reminiscence; but, oh, what a happy reminiscence, of duty well done, of plans well executed, of services freely bestowed! and for what? For the cause for which it exists, and for the honor and glory and fame of our dear old Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Banner Department of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Respectfully yours in F., C., and L.,

MARY L. GILMAN,
Chairman of Committee.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

MILFORD, MASS., Feb. 6, 1905.

Mrs. Mary L. Gilman, Chairman, and Members of the Executive Committee of the National Convention, W.R.C.:

As chairman of the Auditing Committee, I have the honor to render the following report:—

We have examined the books and accounts of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Finance Committee, and find them correct.

We find that cash to the amount of \$5,065.25 has been received by the Treasurer. Of this amount \$18.96 was interest on deposit, and does not appear on the books of the Finance Committee.

Receipted bills of the Luncheon Committee in hands of the Treasurer amount to \$274.16, making total receipts \$5,339.41.

Bills to the amount of \$4,335.79 have been paid by the Treasurer, as per orders, from 1 to 161, drawn by the Secretary and approved by the Chairman of the Executive Committee. Paid by receipted bills of the Luncheon Committee \$274.16, making total amount expended \$4,609.95.

Cash to balance account, \$729.46.

The following is a summary of expenses paid by the Treasurer on account of the several committees:—

Accommodation Committee	\$46.18
Auditing	6.74
Badge	93.31
Carriage	215.00
Decoration	52.25
Entertainment	514.45
Executive	961.82
Finance	20.30
Floral	116.49
General	3.15
Hall	15.00
Information	5.25
Invitation	14.75
Luncheon . . .	2,237.90
Press	33.20
Total	\$4,335.79

The bills have all been classified, and a summary of the expenses of each committee attached to the same, and a summary of the entire expenses has been filed with the bills.

No words of commendation are strong enough to express our appreciation of the faithful and willing service that was rendered, not only by the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and members of the various committees, but by every member of our order from the Berkshires to the Cape.

We fully realize the great expenditure of time and strength that was necessary, and have only praise for the grand work accomplished.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.;

LELIA F. ROCKWOOD,
CLARA H. B. EVANS,
SARAH L. MECUEN,
Auditing Committee.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner, Past National President and Chairman of the Andersonville Prison Board of the National W.R.C., was invited to install the officers, and she performed this duty, assisted by Mrs. Elizabeth P. Sawyer, Department Chaplain, and Mrs. Maria W. Going, Past Department President, as Conductor.

The following elected officers were then installed:—

Harriett A. Ralph, *Department President*, Somerville.
 Alice M. Goddard, *Department Senior Vice-President*, Brockton.
 Annie C. Shattuck, *Department Junior Vice-President*, Fitchburg.
 Elizabeth E. Hayward, *Department Chaplain*, South Framingham.
 Sarah E. Fuller, *Department Treasurer*, Medford (installed at Council meeting at Department Headquarters the following day).

Department Executive Board.

Mary E. Holbrooke, *Chairman*, South Weymouth.
 Sarah L. Mecuen (installed the following day at her home).
 Kate J. Gifford, Fall River.
 M. Jennie Davis, Brighton.
 Alice E. Chapman, Springfield.

Mrs. Ralph, the newly elected Department President, announced the following appointments on her official staff:—

Mary E. Elliot, *Department Secretary*, Somerville.
 Lena G. Lennan, *Department Inspector*, Fall River.
 Annie M. Warne, *Department Counselor*, Waltham.
 M. Lizzie Bullock, *Department Instituting and Installing Officer*, Everett.
 Emma P. Ford, *Department Patriotic Instructor*, Kingston.
 Elizabeth Robbins Berry, *Department Press Correspondent*, Boston.

The appointed officers were duly installed into their respective offices.

Mrs. Warne, Department President, referred to the arrangements for the reception to be held in this church at eight o'clock this evening, and thanked the delegates for their interest in the sessions of the Convention and for their co-operation in her efforts for its success.

The Department President declared the Convention closed at 6.45 P.M.

I hereby declare the foregoing to be a correct record, to the best of my knowledge and belief, of the proceedings of the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention of the Department of Massachusetts, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

MARY E. ELLIOT,
Department Secretary.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

A large gathering, which filled the spacious temple of the People's Church, greeted the Department Officers and guests as they were escorted to the platform at eight o'clock by Mrs. Lizzie M. Richards, Department Senior Aide, and the committee, led by the Color Bearers of F. P. H. Rogers Corps 25, Waltham.

The following is a list of the Reception Committee acting as escort: Mary E. Knowles, Sarah E. Fuller, Lizzie M. Richards, Alice M. Goddard, Mary E. Elliot, Sarah L. Mecuen, Clara H. B. Evans, M. Susan Goodale, Eva T. Cook, Mary G. Deane, Angie A. Robinson, Maria W. Going, Dorcas H. Lyman, May A. Saville, Lexington, Carrie R. Staples, Swampscott, M. Nellie Miller, Westminster, Jennie Pendergrace, Wakefield, Nellie F. Willey, Lynn, Edith A. Cobb, Middleboro, Sylvia B. Lincoln, Falmouth, S. Edna Mecuen, Boston, Kate M. Bliss, North Attleboro, Annie E. Higgins, South Boston.

The invited guests present on the platform included General Wilmon W. Blackmar, Commander-in-Chief, and members of his staff, Mrs. Fanny E. Minot, National President, Miss Helen M. Ayers, National Secretary, James H. Wolff, Commander Department of Massachusetts G.A.R., and staff, John E. Gilman, Commissioner of Soldiers' Relief of the city of Boston and Adjutant-General on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Mayor William L. Harvey, of Waltham, Mrs. Fanny T. Hazen, National President Army Nurse Association and President of the Massachusetts Association, Everett H. Lyndes, Division Commander Sons of Veterans, Miss Nina A. Littlefield, Department President Daughters of Veterans, and others.

After an organ recital by Miss Hattie L. Shute, of Cottage City, Past Department Instituting and Installing Officer Mrs. Richards, Department Senior Aide, introduced Mrs. Mary E. Knowles, Past National Chaplain, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

Mrs. Knowles in her gracious manner welcomed the audience in behalf of the committee, and alluded in complimentary terms to the faithful work of Mrs. Annie M. Warne as Department President the past year, whose administration was conducted with harmony and success. She then introduced Mrs. Warne as the presiding officer of the evening.

Mrs. Warne was greeted with applause. In a happy and earnest manner she extended a welcome to the officials present and to all the members of patriotic organizations and their friends who had assembled in honor of the Twenty-sixth Anniversary of the Department of Massachusetts, Woman's Relief Corps.

In referring to the Convention over which she had presided the past two days, Mrs. Warne expressed her appreciation of the courtesies extended by the Grand Army of the Republic, the Sons of Veterans, and the Daughters of Veterans, also to the aid given by our members throughout the State, and by her "official family" (the Department Council).

She esteemed it an honor to have the great privilege of greeting the Commander-in-Chief and National President, and introduced General Blackmar, Commander-in-Chief, who referred to the principles represented by the Grand Army of the Republic and to the support given the comrades in their work by the Woman's Relief Corps.

His address was listened to with interest as he related experiences of the old war-days, and outlined the trip which had been arranged for a six weeks' sojourn South and in the Far West to attend Department Encampments, where campfires, receptions, and a hearty welcome would be extended by comrades and patriotic friends in many States between Boston and California.

He congratulated the Woman's Relief Corps upon its work for the "boys who wore the blue," and wished the Department of Massachusetts and the order at large continued success, as the representative of 250,000 comrades.

Solo by Mrs. William F. Edlefson, of Winchester, after which Mrs. Warne introduced Mrs. Fanny E. Minot, National President, referring to the double honor paid the Department of Massachusetts this evening by the presence of the leaders of the Grand Army of the Republic and its Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps. Mrs. Minot, as the representative of 150,000 loyal women who wear the badge of our order, extended cordial greetings to her associates in Massachusetts, which, she said, is recognized as the "Mother Department" of the order. She referred interestingly to the work that has been conducted and to the great principles upon which the W.R.C. is founded. The reports received at National Headquarters are encouraging, and members throughout the country are zealous in their efforts to assist the Grand Army of the Republic and the principles that noble organization represents. The work of patriotic teaching, the preservation of the sacred grounds at Andersonville (in which movement our own Mrs. Turner is a leader), and other lines of work carried on by the order were outlined by Mrs. Minot in a graceful address.

James H. Wolff, Department Commander, was introduced in a complimentary manner by the presiding officer, and in responding expressed his gratitude for the results accomplished by the Woman's Relief Corps, and

promised his cordial support of its work during his administration. He felt that both organizations would prosper in their united efforts for the cause of patriotism.

After a cornet solo, "Young America," by Miss Hazel Brown, of Malden, which was heartily applauded, Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, the first Department President and also a Past National President and a Life Member of the National Executive Board, was introduced.

Mrs. Maria W. Going, Past Department President, escorted by the Color Bearers, marching down the aisles of the church, carried to the platform a large and beautiful silk banner which Mrs. Fuller, on behalf of the Department of Massachusetts (of which she is the Department Treasurer), presented in an eloquent address to Mr. John F. Elliot, principal of the East Boston High School, Mrs. Fuller referring to the historic days of 1861 to 1865, when she was a resident of East Boston, and represented that ward on the Sanitary Commission of Boston.

Mr. Elliot, on behalf of his school, assured the Department of Massachusetts that his pupils would always respect the flag and the principles it represents, that they sincerely appreciated the beautiful gift, and that it would give him great pleasure to convey to his school this emblem of our country which had been so eloquently presented by Mrs. Fuller, with the regards of the women of this organization. He expressed his interest in the programme of the evening and in the sentiments expressed.

The "Star-spangled Banner" was sung by Mrs. Edlefson, the audience joining in the chorus, which was an inspiring feature of the gathering.

Mrs. Mary E. Knowles, Past Department President, read by request "One Touch with Nature," with musical accompaniment, which was appreciated by all, and she responded to an encore.

Mrs. Warne, the presiding officer, then introduced in a pleasant manner, her successor Mrs. Harriett A. Ralph, the newly elected Department President.

Mrs. Ralph briefly responded in an impressive manner, saying in part: I realize fully that no part of this evening belongs to me.

The newly elected Department President is placed on exhibition a few minutes, that all may see the one who has been honored by being elected the head of the Department for the ensuing year.

To-morrow I assume my official duties at headquarters. Since its organization in 1879 the Woman's Relief Corps has grown in numbers, and the work has progressed in various directions. The order is conducting a grand patriotic work, and is trying to teach the young the patriotism that "peace on earth, good will to man," is as noble a form of patriotism as taking up arms, and we are trying also to teach them to revere the past, and respect the men who saved the Union. We are hoping for the day when all national and international difficulties shall be settled by arbitration. We may not even hope to see this in our day, but we are striving to do our part,

that those who follow on in the race of life may not be called upon to suffer what we have suffered, and we pray for the day when the Angel of Peace may spread its wings over all the earth, never again to be hidden by the smoke of battle.

Commander Wolff, you have been honored by election to the office of Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Massachusetts. I bring to you to-night the congratulations and greetings of 14,600 noblewomen, and pledge to you their earnest support in your administration. We are organized to assist the Grand Army of the Republic, and where you lead we will follow.

Commander Wolff in a dignified and gracious manner responded to the remarks of Mrs. Ralph, thanking her for her words of encouragement, and again pledging his sincere interest in the Auxiliary to the G.A.R.

His Honor Mayor Harvey, of Waltham, was introduced by Mrs. Warne as a patriotic mayor and one who was a friend to the Post and Corps of that city.

Mayor Harvey, in an eloquent speech, alluded to the heroism of the men who served in the Union Army and to the noble efforts of the loyal women who suffered and sacrificed so much in those stirring times. He commended the work and principles of the Woman's Relief Corps, and paid a tribute to the work of Mrs. Warne, who is a helper in many good causes. At the conclusion of Mayor Harvey's address, Silas A. Barton, Past Department Commander and a member of F. P. H. Rogers Post 29 of Waltham, addressed Mrs. Warne, presenting her on behalf of Post 29 a magnificent bouquet of flowers.

He voiced the sentiments of his comrades in Waltham when he expressed appreciation of her unselfish and efficient services for the Post in that city, and added his personal regards for her devotion to the cause for so many years. He congratulated her upon the success of the administration the past year.

Mrs. Warne accepted the gift in a hearty response, alluding to the pleasure she felt in again having the opportunity to take up the home work in Waltham, and she thanked Past Commander Barton and his comrades for their thoughtful interest.

Solo, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," by Mrs. Edlefson, the audience joining in the chorus.

John E. Gilman, Adjutant General, was next introduced as a devoted friend of the Woman's Relief Corps.

He briefly, but eloquently responded, paying a high tribute to the order, and also congratulated Mrs. Warne and the members upon the good work accomplished the past year. He paid a tribute to Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Turner, and the late Mrs. E. Florence Barker, the early leaders who by their devotion, their talents, and their successful leadership were pioneers worthy of our affection and esteem.

Mrs. Lizabeth A. Turner, the first National Treasurer, a Past National President, was introduced as "Our Lizabeth," and in her pleasing manner interested the audience. She gave some reminiscences of the historic field at Andersonville, Ga., and alluded to the efforts of the Woman's Relief Corps in preserving the property there as a memorial to the thousands of men who suffered and died in defence of the flag. Mrs. Turner, as chairman of the National W.R.C. Board having charge of the Andersonville property, was conversant with its history, and outlined some of the plans for its care and for permanent improvements.

Mrs. Warne thanked the friends and officials who had made the occasion a success, and one of the most inspiring gatherings ever held by the Department of Massachusetts was brought to a close at ten o'clock by the audience singing "America."

The following letters were received in response to invitations to attend the anniversary exercises:—

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, Jan. 11, 1905.

Mrs. ANNIE M. WARNE, *Department President*, 657 Washington Street, Boston.

Dear Madam,—Your kind communication addressed to Governor Douglas has been received, and I regret to have to inform you that it will be impossible for him to attend the Campfire of the Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps on Wednesday evening, February 15.

Thanking you in his behalf, I am,

Yours very truly,

W. R. BUCHANAN.

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 6, 1905.

Lieutenant General Miles regrets that, owing to previous engagements, it will be impossible for him to accept the kind invitation of the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Massachusetts for the evening of Feb. 15, 1905.

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 3, 1905.

Mrs. ANNIE M. WARNE, *Department President W.R.C.*,
657 Washington Street, Boston.

Dear Mrs. Warne: The Commander-in-Chief directs me to acknowledge your cordial invitation to attend the Twenty-sixth Anniversary of the Department of Massachusetts, W.R.C., at People's Temple on February 15, and to thank you very sincerely for your courtesy.

It gives me pleasure to advise you that he accepts your invitation with much gratification, and will be on hand at the proper time.

I desire also to thank you for a similar invitation to myself, and to say that I gratefully accept, and will accompany the Commander-in-Chief on his visit.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. GILMAN,
Adjutant General.

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 6, 1905.

MRS. MARY E. KNOWLES, *Past Department President Woman's Relief Corps,*
Somerville, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Knowles: In behalf of Mrs. Bates and myself, I thank you for the cordial invitation extended by you on behalf of Mrs. Annie M. Warne, Department President of the Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps, to attend the celebration of the Twenty-sixth Anniversary of the organization of the Department on the evening of February 15.

We regret that other engagements do not permit of our acceptance, and with high appreciation of the kind cordiality of the invitation, and with best wishes for the success of the occasion and of the Department, we remain,

Yours sincerely,

JOHN L. BATES.

Dear Mrs. Warne: Mr. Guild and I are very sorry, indeed, that we cannot accept the very kind invitation to the anniversary of the Woman's Relief Corps on the 15th of February, as we had planned to go to Washington for a few days on that date.

With many thanks and regrets,

Cordially yours,

CHARLOTTE P. GUILD.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 26, 1905.

Dear Sister Warne: I desire to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your kind and courteous invitation to be present at the Twenty-sixth Anniversary of the Department of Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps.

I shall surely endeavor to be present, if for no other reason than to pay my respects in person to their highly esteemed Department President, whom, I trust, this will find in the enjoyment of health, happiness, and contentment, and for whom I have the honor and pleasure of subscribing myself hers most

Sincerely and fraternally,

JONATHAN W. CHAPIN,
Supreme Warden, N. E. O. P.

CLINTON, Feb. 2, 1905.

MRS. ANNIE M. WARNE.

My dear President: I have your postal of the 31st ult., and in answer will say that I expect to be at your campfire, health permitting. I did not answer the invitation, as it did not, as I now remember, contain any address, and I supposed it would be taken for granted that we would all be there. My daughter says that your invitation to the Daughters' reception doubtless reached you yesterday, as did mine.

Sincerely and fraternally,

LUCIUS FIELD,
Department Commander.

MELROSE, 1905.

Dear Mrs. Warne,—I am sorry to decline the invitation of the Women's Relief Corps to the reception February 15. But I am unable to go into the city, *in the evening*, on account of my advanced age and the weariness it causes me. If the reception were held during the day, I should be happy to be present.

Yours truly,

MARY A. LIVERMORE.

POMONA, CALIFORNIA, Feb. 6, 1905.

MRS. ANNIE M. WARNE, *Department President, W.R.C.*

Dear Mrs. Warne: Your letter of January 30, has been forwarded to me here where I have been living for the last three years, except the two last summers which I spent in Boston and vicinity. I am indeed truly sorry that I cannot be with you at your "campfire" in Boston (dear old Boston) this month. Nothing could give me more pleasure, I assure you.

I would be glad to wave the dear old flag, and sing about it with my latest breath, for there is nothing like it in this world.

With the hope that you may have the best convention on the record book, and the hottest campfire, I beg to remain,

Yours in F., C., and L.,

FRANCIS L. PRATT

In Memoriam

In Memory of
Miss May A. Hicks



PAST DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR

A CHARTER MEMBER OF CHARLES D. SANDFORD CORPS NUMBER THIRTY-TWO, NORTH ADAMS, ITS FIRST SECRETARY, SERVING EFFICIENTLY ELEVEN YEARS, AND THEN THREE YEARS AS PRESIDENT.



Her earnest and unselfish work won for her the love and respect of all her associates.



A woman of unswerving principle, she is mourned by many friends, and every member of Corps thirty-two reveres her memory.

She was born at North Bennington, Vermont,
November 21, 1864.



Her genial presence is missed by her former associates throughout the State, and her work and worth will ever be remembered.



Died at North Adams, Mass.
June 20, 1904.



May A. Hicks,

Department Inspector, 1898.

Died at North Adams, Mass., June 20, 1904.

In Memory of
Mrs. Sarah C. Walkley



PAST DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AND A NOBLE WOMAN,
WHO FOR TWENTY-ONE YEARS WAS A DEVOTED WORKER FOR THE
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS AND IN OTHER
PHILANTHROPIC MOVEMENTS.



A CHARTER MEMBER OF LYON CORPS NUMBER TWENTY-TWO OF
WESTFIELD AND ITS SECOND PRESIDENT.



She was a faithful friend to the local and Department work and to the
cause of Christianity until

Called to her Home Beyond,
March 1, 1904.

In Memory of

Mrs. Ruth S. Fosselyn



A DEVOTED ARMY NURSE WHO SERVED OVER TWO YEARS IN THE
HOSPITALS OF THE SOUTH.

SHE WAS PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR OF BRIDGEWATER CORPS 169 OF
BRIDGEWATER AND A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF THE ORDER.



A woman respected in the community and wherever known.



We honor her name and memory as one of the noble Band of Army
Nurses who ministered to the Soldiers of the Union,
and in the days of peace continued her efforts for their welfare by
working for the principles of the Grand Army of the Republic.



Born in 1835.

Died February 8, 1905.

List of Deceased Members for 1904.

Name.	Corps No.	Location.	Date.	
Edith Winslow	27	Cambridge	January	1
Betsey Powers	" 28	Boston	January	1
Sarah K. Coffin	" 86	Nantucket	January	2
Maria H. Tirrell	" 96	Haverhill	January	2
Annie H. Emerson	" 65	Stoneham	January	6
Nancy H. Beals	" 70	Warren	January	8
Mary D. Sims	" 34	Salem	January	9
Edith L. Hein	" 99	Stoughton	January	9
Sarah J. Cook	" 31	Leominster	January	12
Addie L. Upham	" 70	Warren	January	14
Lydia Fairfield	" 21	Somerville	January	16
Sarah E. Williams	" 30	Beverly	January	16
Eliza W. Merriam	" 113	Westminster	January	16
Elizabeth H. Johnson	" 34	Salem	January	17
Lydia Pond	" 6	Holliston	January	18
Emma F. Poole	" 137	Rockland	January	20
M. Carrie Dickerman	" 2	Cambridge	January	28
Ann J. Bartlett	" 20	South Boston	January	28
Clarissa Batchelder	" 50	Peabody	January	
Mary E. Taylor	" 157	Boston	January	
Ellen F. Heaton	" 89	Franklin	January	
Maria Heachenroeder	" 88	Boston	January	
Lucy M. Hayes	" 41	Foxboro	February	1
Jennie B. Packard	" 56	Shelburne Falls	February	2
Alice Weldon	" 174	So. Framingham	February	2
Jane W. Mansfield	" 29	Lynn	February	2
Angenette L. Badger	" 70	Warren	February	4
Harriett Lashures	" 52	Eastondale	February	5
Elizabeth Curran	" 110	Randolph	February	6
Keziah Chamberlain	" 7	Brockton	February	8
Jane Lord	" 39	Charlestown	February	11
Tempe S. May	" 112	Templeton	February	12
Jane Putnam	" 17	Orange	February	13
Agnes J. Russell	" 16	Melrose	February	14
Susanna Parker	" 27	Cambridge	February	15
Marion Bailey	" 121	Scituate	February	15
Elizabeth S. Bruty	" 63	Roxbury	February	16
Hannah M. Hall	" 121	Scituate	February	17
Emma F. Came	" 96	Haverhill	February	17

Name.	Corps No.	Location.	Date.	
Mary E. Cree	30	Beverly	February	18
Jennie B. Harris	62	West Acton	February	18
Joanna E. Welch	137	Rockland	February	19
Carrie E. Leighton	25	Waltham	February	21
Susan Walden	155	Williamstown	February	21
Alice M. Dayton	14	Springfield	February	23
Deborah T. Dixon	124	Plymouth	February	25
Ellen M. Backus	21	Somerville	February	25
Sarah A. Brown	36	Shrewsbury	February	28
Adaline Smith	36	Shrewsbury	February	29
Deborah Williams	128	Reading	February	29
Ellen M. Keith	7	Brockton	March	3
Mary F. Caswell	31	Leominster	March	7
Alice M. Beaton	8	Middleboro	March	7
Kate M. Final	7	Brockton	March	8
Mary F. Young	28	Boston	March	9
Mary V. Lewis	124	Plymouth	March	10
Nettie W. Prouty	146	Hanson	March	10
Susan E. Clark	11	Worcester	March	11
Emily F. Metcalf	15	Ashland	March	16
Ellen Moore	112	Templeton	March	18
Mary J. Snodgrass	3	E. Boston	March	19
Susan M. Packard	29	Lynn	March	19
Charlotte Plummer	10	Chelsea	March	20
Adaline Allan	62	W. Acton	March	20
Louisa A. Gardner	7	Brockton	March	21
Laura M. Gaylord	6	Holliston	March	22
Helen F. Wyman	25	Waltham	March	26
N. Marie Reniff	56	Shelburne Falls	March	27
Mary H. Brainard	18	Northampton	March	30
Sarah E. Powers	136	Whitman	March	31
Agnes Foster	27	Cambridgeport	March	
Amand Robbins	83	Groton		
Hannah S. Lowe	51	Provincetown	April	1
Louise C. McCausland	109	Brookline	April	1
Grace C. Bonney	146	Hanson	April	1
Frances Jennison	29	Lynn	April	3
S. Anna Russell	124	Plymouth	April	3
Mary E. Porter	174	So. Framingham	April	6
Abbie F. Stone	11	Worcester	April	7
Martha L. Pickering	173	Rockport	April	7
Mary E. Earle	14	Springfield	April	9
Nellie M. Upham	125	Spencer	April	11
Eliza Beers	128	Reading	April	12
Caroline M. Handley	62	W. Acton	April	14
Sarah A. Clapp	29	Lynn	April	14
Mary Hunter	56	Shelburne Falls	April	18

Name.		Location.	Date.	
Harriet Gaut	Corps No. 113	Westminster	April	20
Faustina Kelley	" 7	Brockton	April	24
Anna Hand	" 28	Boston	April	28
Nora Davis	" 9	Charlestown	April	29
Minnie P. Smith	" 89	Franklin	April	
Florence Hartwell	" 11	Worcester	May	1
Ida MacCraken	" 26	Newburyport	May	1
Sarah E. Jones	" 28	Boston	May	1
Lydia Martithorn	" 9	Charlestown	May	2
Minerva Illingsworth	" 32	North Adams	May	2
Hattie M. Bartlett	" 124	Plymouth	May	2
Sibella Taylor	" 33	Lowell	May	3
Anna E. McConney	" 137	Rockland	May	5
Elizabeth McDonald	" 2	Cambridge	May	5
Annie Cram	" 102	Weymouth	May	7
Frances S. Damon	" 157	Boston	May	10
Abby J. Moody	" 25	Waltham	May	11
Lucy M. Prescott	" 1	Fitchburg	May	11
Hannah S. Dyson	" 170	E. Bridgewater	May	13
Fronia T. Pettengill	" 19	Amesbury	May	13
Sarah Ballou	" 153	Uxbridge	May	15
Lydia A. Johnson	" 96	Haverhill	May	17
N. Adeline Allen	" 62	W. Acton	May	20
Ellen A. Ruggles	" 39	Charlestown	May	22
Sarah E. Chubbuck	" 60	Hingham	May	24
Sarah L. Wilcox	" 63	Roxbury	May	24
Sarah I. Pease	" 104	Huntington	May	25
Harriett A. Guthrie	" 103	Quincy	May	25
Mary E. Burbank	" 53	New Bedford	May	25
S. A. H. Putnam	" 12	Danvers	May	26
Julia Pond	" 78	Norwood	May	30
Elizabeth E. Merrill	" 108	Abington	May	30
Emma Howard	" 42	Ipswich	June	3
Susan M. Spencer	" 17	Orange	June	3
Sarah P. Smith	" 136	Whitman	June	3
Mary J. Libbey	" 29	Lynn	June	4
Martha M. Pool	" 13	Norwell	June	4
Emma J. Greenleaf	" 33	Lowell	June	8
Susan B. Pompey	" 86	Nantucket	June	8
Ida F. Warren	" 152	Leicester	June	12
Mary A. Parker	" 12	Danvers	June	16
Emma Byam	" 1	Fitchburg	June	17
May A. Hicks	" 32	North Adams	June	20
Emily Kimball	" 53	New Bedford	June	20
Flora W. Bowker	" 55	Lawrence	June	23
Eliza S. Wood	" 25	Waltham	June	24
Sarah M. Temple	" 80	Westboro	June	29

Name.	Corps No.	Location.	Date.	
Augusta A. Chamberlin	14	Springfield		
Caroline A. Fairfield	" 14	Springfield		
Carrie E. Carr	" 72	Milford		
Emma J. Hebard	" 147	Milton	July	7
F. H. Tuson	" 11	Worcester	July	9
Mary A. Dotes	" 124	Plymouth	July	9
Agnes Eaton	" 12	Danvers	July	14
Rosella Aubin	" 26	Newburyport	July	14
Hattie M. Grant	" 2	Cambridge	July	14
Elizabeth Baker	" 119	Manchester	July	15
Sarah A. Cloutman	" 34	Salem	July	18
Susan Smith	" 93	Beverly Farms	July	19
Ellen McCarthy	" 64	Turner's Falls	July	20
Alice A. C. Warner	" 39	Charlestown	July	26
Caroline C. Merrill	" 30	Beverly	August	1
Elmina A. Hill	" 51	Provincetown	August	1
Ella A. Brigham	" 31	Leominster	August	1
Bessie E. Crombie	" 119	Manchester	August	4
Melinda H. Dickerman	" 7	Brockton	August	5
Clara E. Seymour	" 174	So. Framingham	August	14
Abbie H. Runnels	" 96	Haverhill	August	15
Mary J. Hine	" 11	Worcester	August	17
Mary S. Stevens	" 14	Springfield	August	17
Marietta Merritt	" 117	No. Attleboro	August	18
Mary A. Russell	" 74	Plainville	August	19
Mary J. Bowman	" 69	Wakefield	August	29
Mary R. Davis	" 150	Rutland	August	29
Emily L. Macfarlane	" 29	Lynn	August	31
Julia Gass	" 88	Boston	August	
Lulu A. Mann	" 92	Montague	September	3
Ella L. Dana	" 105	Upton	September	7
Harriet Perry	" 121	Scituate	September	9
Clara S. Cowdin	" 1	Fitchburg	September	10
Emma F. Dow	" 5	Medford	September	11
Abigail D. Haskell	" 29	Lynn	September	11
Helen Lloyd	" 38	Holyoke	September	12
Mrs. Davis	" 150	Rutland	September	12
Florence Moore	" 2	Cambridge	September	14
Welthea D. Cheever	" 29	Lynn	September	20
Julia M. Perkins	" 29	Lynn	September	20
Amanda Chandler	" 70	Warren	September	20
Mabel E. Pike	" 127	Andover	September	20
Josephine C. Cross	" 20	So. Boston	September	21
Amelia J. Parker	" 29	Lynn	September	21
Mary S. Chase	" 157	Boston	September	23
Ellen L. Woodis	" 150	Rutland	September	24
Emma F. Lake	" 7	Brockton	September	25

Name.	Corps No.	Location.	Date.	
Abbie Pond	38	Holyoke	September	27
Jennie A. Whiting	25	Waltham	October	2
Martha A. Emmerton	29	Lynn	October	2
Mary A. Russell	106	Fall River	October	3
Celia L. Hartwell	80	Westboro	October	4
Lizzie L. Hodgkins	157	Boston	October	5
Sylvia A. Vinton	94	So. Braintree	October	5
Rachel S. Chapin	165	Enfield	October	5
Harriet Chickering	125	Spencer	October	5
Mary H. Drew	124	Plymouth	October	5
Lenina H. Hayward	120	Taunton	October	9
Hattie Alger	90	Gardner	October	10
Dora A. Green	29	Lynn	October	18
Lizzie M. Goldthwait	150	Rutland	October	18
Sarah Marsh	121	Scituate	October	20
Ruth Hanson	106	Fall River	October	24
Ellen J. Lamb	154	No. Brookfield	October	26
Florence Peck	42	Ipswich	October	28
Jane E. Spaulding	14	Springfield	October	28
Pauline B. Wagner	63	Roxbury	October	29
Maria H. Reynolds	167	S. Deerfield	October	30
Martha A. Kelley	9	Charlestown	November	4
Lottie E. Phillips	3	E. Boston	November	7
Bertha L. Weston	174	So. Framingham	November	8
Emma Noyes	93	Beverly Farms	November	10
Phebe F. Wood	62	W. Acton	November	11
Henrietta Fratus	124	Plymouth	November	14
Eliza A. Howard	7	Brockton	November	15
Laura Somes	117	No. Attleboro	November	20
Cynthia A. Butman	92	Montague	November	21
Mary A. Thompson	29	Lynn	November	24
Jennie Black	117	No. Attleboro	November	25
Sarah J. Norcross	125	Spencer	November	25
Phebe A. Sprague	14	Springfield	November	29
Mary M. Spinney	34	Salem	November	30
Mary B. Hastings	1	Fitchburg	December	1
Margaret Ellis	84	Woburn	December	5
Annie B. Butman	25	Waltham	December	6
Eliza N. Parker	51	Provincetown	December	7
Geneva E. Osborne	63	Roxbury	December	7
Charlotte Huff	27	Cambridgeport	December	9
Margaret Keefe	66	E. Cambridge	December	13
Lucy A. Tisdale	31	Leominster	December	16
Alice S. Day	130	Sturbridge	December	16
Ophelia R. Smith	8	Middleboro	December	18
Rebecca V. Abbott	65	Stoneham	December	18
Maria B. Knights	100	Canton	December	18

Name.		Location.	Date.	
Annie E. Bugbee	Corps No. 117	No. Attleboro	December	18
P. A. Lemay	" 1	Fitchburg	December	23
Myra H. Colby	" 29	Lynn	December	25
Laura J. Davis	" 76	Palmer	December	26
Sarah J. Cook	" 16	Melrose	December	28
Eliza Butters	" 27	Cambridgeport	December	30
Hattie Cheetham	" 117	No. Attleboro	December	30
Catherine Whitmore	" 128	Reading	December	30
Jennie B. Tower	" 163	Kingston		
Olive Jones	" 132	Sandwich	December	1903

GENERAL ORDERS, CIRCULAR LETTERS, ETC.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF MASS., WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 NO. 657 WASHINGTON STREET, ROOM 17. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }
 No. 1. }

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 12, 1904.

I. Having been elected Department President of Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps at its Twenty-Fifth Annual Convention, held in Boston, February 9 and 10, and fully realizing the responsibility, I hereby assume the duties of this office.

II. Deeply appreciating the honor conferred upon me and earnestly asking your loyal support in maintaining the high standard of this Department, let us put forth our best efforts to prove ourselves the worthy auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic.

III. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

ANNIE M. WARNE, *Department President*, Corps 25, 185 Moody St., Waltham.

HARRIETT A. RALPH, *Department Senior Vice-President*, Corps 21, 32 Bartlett St., Somerville.

ALICE M. GODDARD, *Department Junior Vice-President*, Corps 7, 817 North Montello St., Brockton.

SARAH E. FULLER, *Department Treasurer*, Corps 3, 657 Washington St. Boston.

ELIZABETH P. SAWYER, *Department Chaplain*, Corps 95, 236 Pleasant St., New Bedford.

Executive Board.

LUE STUART WADSWORTH, Corps 20, 399 Columbus Ave., Boston, *Chairman*,

S. JENNIE TIRRELL, Corps 29, 60 Rogers Ave., Lynn.

KATE J. GIFFORD, Corps 106, Fall River.

MARY A. BEAL, Corps 137, 724 Union St., Rockland.

SARA B. NOYES, Corps 37, 59 Third St., Pittsfield.

The following appointments are hereby announced : —

MARY E. ELLIOT, *Department Secretary*, Corps 21, 657 Washington St., Boston.

SARAH L. MECUEN, *Department Inspector*, Corps 39, 41 So. Russell St., Boston.

CLARA H. B. EVANS, *Department Counselor*, Corps 37, Court House, Pittsfield.

HATTIE L. SHUTE, *Department Instituting and Installing Officer*, Corps 134, Edgartown.

MARY E. HOLBROOK, *Department Patriotic Instructor*, Corps 102, Weymouth.

C. ELIZABETH BERRY, *Department Press Correspondent*, Corps 20, 220 Washington St., Boston.

These officers must be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IV. Additional appointments and decisions of the Convention will be promulgated in future General Orders.

V. The following officers of the Department of Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic were elected at its Thirty-Seventh Annual Encampment, held in Faneuil Hall, February 9 and 10.

LUCIUS FIELD, *Department Commander*, Post 64, Clinton.

JAMES H. WOLFF, *Department Senior Vice-Commander*, Post 92, Brighton.

J. PAYSON BRADLEY, *Department Junior Vice-Commander*, Post 2, South Boston.

HORACE E. MARION, *Department Medical Director*, Post 113, Boston.

REV. PHILIP S. MOXOM, Post 16, Springfield.

Council of Administration.

FRANCIS E. MOLE, Post 126, Adams.

CHARLES B. AMORY, Post 113, Boston.

W. H. HINMAN, Post 173, Sturbridge.

BENJAMIN F. GREELEY, Post 43, Marlboro.

J. A. HORTON, Post 74, Greenfield.

The following appointments are announced by the Department Commander:

EDWARD P. PREBLE, *Assistant Adjutant General*, Post 15, Boston.

ELISHA T. HARVELL, *Assistant Quartermaster-General*, Post 74, Rockland.

These honored Comrades of the Grand Army are our superior officers, to whom we stand mutually pledged, to render every service as their duly recognized auxiliary.

VI. Department Headquarters will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays excepted.

VII. The Department President will be at Headquarters Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

VIII. The Department password is hereby promulgated.

Annie M. Warner
Department President.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF MASS., WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
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GENERAL ORDERS, }
 No. 2. }

BOSTON, MASS., March 7, 1904.

I. The Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the Department of Massachusetts, Woman's Relief Corps, was held in the People's Temple, Boston, February 9 and 10. Nearly five hundred delegates were present, and there were several hundred visiting members who enjoyed the sessions. The large attendance throughout and the enthusiasm shown prove the same devoted interest in our work, and is encouraging.

The Convention had the pleasure of officially welcoming Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, National Counselor, and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner, chairman of the Andersonville Prison Board, and the following visitors:—

Mrs. Louise S. Johnson, Department President of New Hampshire; Mrs. Mary Proctor Howe, Department Inspector; Mrs. Mattie M. Buxton, Mrs. Fanny E. Minot, Mrs. Ida M. Montgomery, Mrs. Annie P. Dimond, Past Department Presidents of New Hampshire; and Mrs. Parker, Past Department President of Iowa.

At the second day's sessions we also had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs. Kate E. Jones, of New York, National Patriotic Instructor, who represented the National President.

Guests from other organizations were also greeted, viz.:—

Corporal James Tanner, Judge Advocate General of the G.A.R., representing Commander-in-chief Black, and members of his staff; a delegation from the Grand Army Encampment of Massachusetts, Arthur A. Smith, Past Department Commander, Chairman; Mrs. Fanny T. Hazen, President, and Mrs. Margaret Hamilton, Secretary, Army Nurse Association of Massachusetts; Rev. Mr. Moorehead, representing the Sons of Veterans; Mrs. Ida Joyce of the Daughters of Veterans; and a delegation from the ladies of the G.A.R.

II. The following decisions are hereby announced:

DECISIONS OF TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

1. That a unanimous vote be tendered Assistant Adjutant-General Edward P. Preble, expressing to him our appreciation of his valuable services throughout the year.

2. That the sum of fifty dollars be presented the retiring chairman of the Department Relief Committee as a token of appreciation of her valuable services.

3. That a suitable typewriter be purchased by the incoming Department Council for use at headquarters.

4. That the incoming Council arrange, as soon as possible, to have a telephone placed at headquarters.

5. That the plan adopted last year of closing Department Headquarters on Saturdays at 1 P.M. during the months of June, July and August be hereafter continued.

6. That a portrait of the late George S. Evans, Past Department Commander, and a memorial page be inserted in the printed journal of this Convention as a tribute to his memory.

7. That we honor the memory of Mrs. Abbie T. Usher, who for fifteen years was a devoted officer and worker, by placing her portrait and a memorial page in the printed journal of this Convention.

8. That bound journals of this Convention be presented the public libraries on our list.

9. That a committee be appointed to secure, if possible, a complete file of the Rules and Regulations from 1879, and that the same be bound for the headquarters' library.

10. That the state be divided into districts, and that the Department Patriotic Instructor shall, as early in the year as possible after her appointment, hold a meeting in each district with the Corps Patriotic Instructors in that district, for the purpose of instructing them in the work, and of formulating plans for its advancement. The travelling expenses of the Department Patriotic Instructor to be borne by the Department, and those of the Corps Patriotic Instructors to be borne by their several Corps.

11. That the couches in the W. R. C. dormitory at the Soldiers' Home be repaired if possible, or three new couches be purchased for the dormitory.

12. That a testimonial be presented the retiring Department President, Mrs. Clara H. B. Evans.

III. The following delegates and alternates to the National Convention were elected :

Delegate-at-Large.

Helen R. Blackmar, Hingham

Delegates.

Ellen S. Carr,	Holyoke	Abbie Smith,	Hyde Park
Agnes Bartlett,	Pittsfield	Hannah Corson,	Franklin
Nellie Marsh,	Ware	Marie J. Kendall,	Gardner
Helen L. Milford,	Chatham	Mary E. Jennings,	Warren
Nettie M. Lambert,	Eastondale	Hattie A. Westcott,	Milford
Josephine Wilcox,	Hyannis	Cinderella E. Clement,	Merrimac
Hattie L. Shute,	Edgartown	Mary S. Langdon,	Ipswich
Carrie A. Fisher,	Watertown	Sadie Haskell,	Essex
Jennie A. Pendergrace,	Wakefield	Elizabeth Nichols,	Charlestown
Susie Leonard,	Reading	Jessie Crowell,	Chelsea

Alternate-at-Large.

Rebecca A. Pickett, Beverly

Alternates.

Mary Fuller,	Monson	Mary Croak,	Randolph
Anna Ellis,	Sheffield	Roxie Hunt,	Canton
Mary J. Casey,	Lee	Nettie A. Cleveland,	Athol
Mary E. Simmons,	Kingston	Mary E. Johnson,	Uxbridge
Sylvia J. Alden,	Duxbury	Alice Haskell,	Shrewsbury
Sellna Sprague,	Abington	Lizzie Tibbitts,	Danvers
M. Ethel Greer,	Wareham	Helen Brimmer,	Peabody
Etta H. Cook,	Melrose	Fannie Partridge,	Lynn
Nettie Dupee,	West Acton	Adeline Little,	Revere
Nellie Richardson,	Woburn	Annie E. Higgins,	South Boston

IV. The following committees were elected:—

COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT ROOMS AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

Mrs. Emma B. Lowd, Salem.

Mrs. M. Susan Goodale, Medford.

Mrs. S. Agnes Parker, Brockton.

COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT DORMITORY AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME, CHELSEA.

Sarah E. Fuller, Medford.

Emilie L. W. Waterman, Boston.

Lizabeth A. Turner, New Britain, Conn.

Rebecca A. Pickett, Beverly.

Mary L. Gilman, Roxbury.

V. The following appointments are hereby announced:—

DEPARTMENT RELIEF COMMITTEE.

M. Susan Goodale, *Chairman.*

Rebecca A. Pickett, *Secretary.*

Lydia P. Hall, Boston.

Lucretia H Wetherell, Dorchester.

Grace Runyan, Cambridge.

Annie E. Higgins, South Boston.

Marie C. Blake, Roxbury.

SENIOR AIDE

Lizzie M. Richards 13 Floyd St., Waltham

SPECIAL AIDES.

Mary J. Parkhurst,	Gloucester
Helen R. Blackmar,	Hingham
Annie C. Shattuck,	Fitchburg
Fannie Parker,	West Acton
Lella F. Rockwood,	Milford
Mary A. Brown,	Brookline
Carrie M. Ryan,	Roxbury
Ruth A. Freelove,	Waltham
Delilah S. Davis,	Palmer
Rose Sprague,	Lynn
Mercy A. Wolff,	Brighton
Helen C. Mulford,	Chatham
Kate Bidwell,	Pittsfield

M. Susan Goodale,	Medford
Rebecca A. Pickett,	Beverly
Lucretia H. Wetherell,	Dorchester
Lydia P. Hall,	Boston
Marie C. Blake,	Roxbury
Annie E. Higgins,	South Boston
Grace Runyan,	Cambridge
Mary L. Davis,	Brighton
Nellie A. Tracy,	Charlestown
Alice J. Dolbear,	Somerville
Etta A. Lockhart,	Cambridge
M. Emma Weston,	Somerville

AIDES.

Helen Metcalf,	Ashland,
	Cherry St., Box 9.
Martha A. Silloway,	Amesbury
Georgie P. Jacobs,	Arlington
Lilla F. Crosby,	Attleboro
Louise P. Kenison,	Ayer
Idella Oliver,	Athol
Della L. Ford,	Abington
Grace E. Sherman,	Amherst
Esther A. Bryant,	Avon
Helen Carruth,	Andover
Mattie E. Simmons,	Adams
Jennie S. Stowe,	Ashburnham
Octavia C. Blair,	Brookton
M. Belle Martin,	Boston
Alice L. Millet,	Beverly
Sarah A. White,	Beverly
Lydia E. Williams,	Beverly Farms

Mary L. Phillips,	Boston
Elizabeth Chickey,	Brighton
Etta R. Lyon,	Brighton
Viola J. Shaw,	Belchertown
Margaret Hesenious,	Boston
Eliza S. Bugbee,	Brookline
Esther S. Danforth,	Brookline
Julia A. Weeks,	Bourne
Charlotte Ripley,	Bridgewater
Ruth Joslyn,	Bridgewater
Minnie M. Martin,	Cambridge
Maggie Jones,	Charlestown
S. Jessie Crowell,	Chelsea
Harriet Freeman,	Chelsea
Mary A. Donovan,	Cambridgeport
Sarah A. Sewall,	Charlestown
Nancy J. Newcomb,	Charlestown
Arvilla Bush,	Charlestown

AIDES—*Continued*

Olive E. Howard,	Colerain	Hattie A. Farrar,	Holden
Almeda G. Mann,	Conway	Lomya H. Sturtevant,	Hanover
Abbie Deane,	Canton	Lydia A. Sampson,	Hanson
Louise L. Daggett,	Cottage City	Mary D. Calder,	Hanson
Marie B. Shepherd,	Boston	Ida M. Nichols,	Housatonic
Louise Scampton,	Danvers	Christie W. Gibbs,	Hyannis
Hattie A. Townsend,	Danvers	Mary J. Langdon,	Ipswich
Hattie C. McIntyre,	Dorchester	Emeline L. Foster,	Kingston
Susan J. Holmes,	Duxbury	Delia A. Ashby,	Leicester
Frances E. Somerby,	East Boston	Ellen D. C. Whittemore,	Leicester
Lizzie F. Paine,	East Boston	Mary A. Saville,	Lexington
Emily T. Smellie,	E. Bridgewater	Mattie A. Gurney,	Lexington
Sylvia H. Nash,	E. Bridgewater	Minerva L. Congdon,	Lawrence
H. Frances Lackey,	Eastondale	Fannie A. Brown,	Lawrence
Louise S. Shepherd,	Easthampton	Louisa H. Blood,	Lowell
Eva T. Kneeland,	E. Cambridge	Catherine P. Robbins,	Lowell
Mary A. Kimball,	Essex	H. Elvira Gilson,	Leominster
Florence Haynes,	Salem	Eliza F. Stiles,	Lynn
Mattie S. Frye,	Salem	Millie F. Willey,	Lynn
Bertha B. Mansfield,	Saugus	Lizzie W. Worthen,	Lowell
Luella Meekins,	Shelburne Falls	Helena M. Quinn,	Lowell
Laura E. Reynolds,	Southbridge	Mary J. Bean,	Medford
Josephine Mahoney,	South Boston	Edith A. Cobb,	Middleboro
Carrie E. Fisher,	South Braintree	Etta K. Cook,	Melrose
Jennie E. Stevens,	Stoughton	Elvira D. Churchill,	Merrimac
Rachel N. Burroughs,	Scituate	Lizzie C. Lauriatt,	Marshfield
Helen F. Bennett,	Swampscott	Lena B. Hibbert,	Mansfield
Carrie R. Staples,	Swampscott	Ida K. Havner,	Milford
Annie F. Pierce,	Spencer	Anna L. Bell,	Milford
Georgie A. Edgerton,	Sturbridge	Ellen M. Pond,	Milford
Melvina M. Ellis,	Sandwich	Lula A. Mann,	Montague
Mary M. O'Brien,	South Hadley	Ellen F. Horton,	Manchester
Mary B. Small,	South Chatham	Lizzie J. Beckwith,	Monson
Ruthetta Stone,	Sheffield	Jennie C. Fletcher,	Milton
Emma Sanderson,	South Deerfield	Susie Peirce Tuckerman,	Milton
Bertha M. Videto,	So. Framingham	Jennie P. Gould,	Malden
Isabelle C. Nichols,	Stoneham	Maria Wooldridge,	Marblehead
Ida E. Flanders,	Stoneham	Abbie E. Stanton,	Needham
Lucy M. Hall,	Turners Falls	S. Jennie Gould,	Needham
Ellen R. Hodge,	Templeton	Cora N. Collins,	Nantucket
Mira M. Taylor,	Templeton	Caroline Smith,	Nantucket
Elizabeth A. Bragg,	Taunton	Sarah L. Colthorp,	Newburyport
Stella C. Seagrave,	Uxbridge	Abbie A. Wilson,	Newburyport
Jennie L. Bailey,	Upton	Mary J. Reynolds,	North Adams
Mary E. Furrows,	Westfield	Minnie F. Taber,	New Bedford
Kate M. Robinson,	Gt. Barrington	Hattie M. Warren,	Northboro
Adah F. Bullard,	Holliston	Lillian M. Williamson,	Norwood
Mary G. Bunton,	Hyde Park	Mary M. H. Washburn,	New Bedford
Abbie J. Smith,	Hyde Park	Harriett O. Cheever,	North Attleboro
M. Annie Smith,	Holyoke	Ella Jilleon,	North Attleboro
Nellie M. Streeter,	Holyoke	Agnes Damon,	N. Brookfield
Helen M. Wilder,	Hingham	Mary J. Doolittle,	Northfield
Elizabeth A. Harlow,	Haverhill	Rhoda Eldridge,	Northampton
Mary H. Norton,	Haverhill	Catherine M. Barrett,	Northampton
Augusta E. Fisk,	Huntingdon	Eunice W. Studley,	Norwell
Abbie J. Piper,	Hopkinton	Etta C. Newton,	Oxford
R. Jennie Manning,	Hopkinton	Rosalie Rugg,	Orange

AIDES — Concluded.

Chloe M. Barnes,	Pittsfield	Grace J. Fitts,	Roxbury
Mary O. Stevens,	Peabody	Etta A. Rice,	Roxbury
Salome C. Hawes,	Provincetown	Maggie J. Richmond,	Roxbury
Caroline Smith,	Provincetown	Mary A. Fox,	Quincy
Kate E. Morse,	Plainville	Kate B. Kennon,	Revere
Ellen M. Barnes,	Palmer	Isannah Moore,	Revere
Gertrude S. Curtis,	Pembroke	Susan E. Leonard,	Reading
Harriett E. Thurston,	E. Pepperell	Jennie M. Tower,	Rockland
Loretta M. Sweet,	East Douglass	Hannah P. Lewis,	Rockland
Lillian M. Olds,	Enfield	Alice E. Chapman,	Springfield
Augusta K. Pettingill,	Everett	Nellie M. Gross,	South Boston
Lottie Baldwin,	Everett	Abbie A. Whitney,	South Boston
Jennie R. Warren,	E. Bridgewater	Helen A. Lambert,	Somerville
Mary J. E. Poole,	E. Bridgewater	Nan R. Souther,	Somerville
Alice P. Smith,	Foxboro	Etta S. Paine,	Somerville
Hattie Haslam,	Franklin	M. Jennie Ball,	Shrewsbury
Frances E. Jillson,	Fall River	Jessie W. Lowell,	Worcester
Helen J. Clark,	Fall River	Elmira Hunt,	Worcester
Ella S. Condon,	Fall River	Sarah J. Rice,	Waltham
Harriet H. Hoyt,	Fitchburg	Adelaide G. Harrington,	Waltham
Ella K. Boss,	Fitchburg	Carrie M. Parks,	Waltham
Sylvia B. Lincoln,	Falmouth	Maria L. Brummett,	Walpole
Ellen Adams,	Georgetown	Carrie B. Livermore,	Watertown
Marie A. Plckett,	Georgetown	Nellie Barney,	Watertown
Carrie E. Betts,	Greenfield	Mary E. Jennings,	Warren
Martha A. Nichols,	Gloucester	Abbie M. Blatchford,	Westboro
Jennie L. Story,	Gloucester	Henrietta Dickinson,	Woburn
Mary Bride Beck,	Gloucester	Belle A. Russell,	Winchendon
Hattie G. Harrington,	Groton	Jennie B. Morrill,	Weymouth
Sarah E. Hopkinson,	Groveland	Emmeline Vining,	Weymouth
Mary H. Lathrop,	Gardner	Nellie E. Force,	West Medway
Almira E. Pierce,	Gardner	M. Nellie Miller,	Westminster
Marion W. Hollingwood,	Plymouth	Anna M. Holden,	Ware
Abbie S. Danforth,	Plymouth	Martha J. Nuttle,	Webster
Welthea A. Seavery,	Plymouth	Myrtle McCallum,	Whitman
Anna Starkweather,	Pittsfield	Mary J. Goodrich,	Williamstown
Mary C. Loud,	Plainfield	Helen E. Patten,	Woburn
Lydia M. Margeson,	Rockport	Addie F. Drape,	Wareham
Harriet A. Healy,	Rutland	Jennie Pendergrace,	Wakefield
Martha B. Cartwright,	Randolph	Kate W. Sawyer,	West Acton

These officers will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

It is important that all aides named herein promptly forward to the Department President their acceptance or declination of this appointment in order that commissions may be issued to all accepting the position.

Badges should be procured of Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, Department Treasurer, on the Corps Requisition blanks, and can be obtained only in this manner through the Corps Treasurer.

VI. Contributions received since last report : —

SOLDIERS' HOME FUND.

Mrs. Annie C. Shattuck \$.60

DEPARTMENT RELIEF FUND.

Corps No. 2, Cambridge	\$10 00	
“ “ 7, Brockton	10 00	
“ “ 8, Middleboro	4 20	
“ “ 50, Peabody	10 00	
Mrs. Annie C. Shattuck	2 50	
Mrs. Mary A. Beale	1 68	
Mrs. Alice G. Sears	1 23	
Mrs. Fannie Wills	1 00	
Barnstable County Association, W.R.C.	5 00	
		<hr/> \$45 61

SOLDIERS' HOME DONATION FUND.

Corps No. 136, Whitman	\$10 00	
Barnstable County Association, W.R.C.	5 00	
		<hr/> \$15 00

MONUMENT TO LOYAL WOMEN.

Corps No. 20, So. Boston	\$ 2 00	
“ “ 84, Turners Falls	1 00	
“ “ 109, Brookline	2 00	
“ “ 145, Monson	1 00	
		<hr/> \$ 6 00

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT CONVENTION.

For Silk Flag, Boston Girls' High School	\$25 00	
For Flags at Andersonville—for Mrs. Turner	34 08	
		<hr/> \$59 08

VII. A cordial welcome extended at all times to our members who visit headquarters. All subjects requiring an official decision should be forwarded through Corps President with her official endorsement.

Corps are kindly reminded to remember contributions to “Southern Memorial Day Fund,” and not delay sending money to committee in season. Therefore Corps will please send their contributions to Department Treasurer as early as possible.

VIII. The Grand Army of the Republic having decided to hold the next National Encampment in Boston, and asked our co-operation, and the Woman's Relief Corps having tendered their services towards making it a success, it becomes necessary that every member should put forth her best energies to attain that result. Remembering the grand results accomplished in 1890, when we numbered 137 Corps and 10,600 members, we cannot be satisfied with anything less, and should not be unless that result is far surpassed.

Such a result can be accomplished only by the best efforts of all the members, and the President earnestly asks that the Corps should immediately commence the work in any way they deem best, by which the necessary funds may

be realized. As no settled arrangements can be made for entertainment of our guests until the amount of cash on hand is ascertained, it is desired that the sum which each may be able to contribute will be reported to the Finance Committee, Mrs. Hattie A. Ralph, Department Senior Vice-President, chairman, not later than May 15.

"Count that day lost, whose low descending sun
Shows not some deed of love, or duty done."

I desire to express my deep appreciation to the Corps and individuals for letters of congratulations received; for kind words spoken and many gifts presented; it will be impossible to answer each one personally, and I ask that all will accept my warmest thanks, assuring you that, with the assistance of all the members of our order, no efforts will be spared to make this year as creditable as any that have passed, and I hope each one will give me their best thoughts and prayers toward the fulfillment of this request.

By command of

Annie M. Warner
Department President.

Mary E. Elliott
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF MASS., WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
657 WASHINGTON ST., ROOM 17. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 3. }

BOSTON, April 3, 1904.

MEMORIAL DAY.

"Let sobs be hushed, let tears be dried
And hearts from sorrow cease,
As we mark each mound with stars and stripes
And flowers fair of peace.

"To-day we stand with hearts of love
Beside each honored grave;
What more, what grander words to say
Than these, 'They died to save.'

"For them no more the bugle calls,
They hear no battle cries;
For they've pitched their tents eternal
On the hills of Paradise."

I. Memorial Day with its sad yet pleasing duties is again approaching, and on that day, the one above all others in which the veteran is interested, let us not fail to make it possible to place upon the grave of every comrade who gave

up his life, whether upon the battlefield, amid the horrors of the prison pen, or by the slower yet equally sure result of exposure and disease, a tribute which shall say to all that, though dead, he is not forgotten.

In preparing to make this possible, let us not forget to interest the children, and as they gather the blossoms of spring and weave into garlands, to be placed upon the last resting-place of those who died that we might live, teach them lessons of love of country, that will bring in after life a rich reward, in an increased devotion to the flag they love and the principles it represents.

Let us not forget those far-off graves marked with that one word, "Unknown." Unknown, perhaps, the name, yet he was a soldier of the Union, who gave his life for freedom, and let us make it possible that each mound shall be marked with the flag he died for.

"Earth may run red with other wars; they are at peace. In midst of battle, in the roar of conflict, they found the serenity of death."

Do not forget to place the choicest blossoms upon the graves of those noble soldier women, the Army Nurses, who by their heroism and devotion deserve all honor.

II. As has been customary, let Corps unite with the Posts in observance of Memorial Sunday and in all the exercises of Memorial Day, not forgetting those who "sleep beneath the sea."

III. It having been suggested by the National President to designate a day to decorate the graves of our deceased members, I will, therefore, appoint the day most convenient for each Corps, and trust all will perform this act of love.

IV. Let us remember, each year as it passes rapidly increases the number of graves "where, wearied, the boys in blue have gone into camp, and fallen asleep, to awaken only at the reveille of God"; and let us assist to place wreaths of green and garlands of flowers on their last resting-place. All contributions for this fund please send to Department Treasurer, Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, 657 Washington St., Boston Mass.

V. National General Orders, No 7, and Memorial Day blanks (Form J) have been forwarded, and Corps Chaplains are requested to fill out the blanks and forward to Department Chaplain, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Sawyer, 236 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, Mass., on or before June 5.

By command of

Annie M. Warner
Department President.

Mary E. Elliot
Department Secretary.

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GENERAL ORDERS, {
 No. 4. }

BOSTON, April 15, 1904.

I. Arrangements for annual exemplifications have been completed. The same plans as last year will be carried out.

The following Corps have kindly consented to do the work, and assignments are made as follows :

May 5, Corps 33, Lowell.	Corps 49, 55, 62, 75, 83, 96, 127, 131.
May 6, Corps 136, Whitman.	Corps 13, 44, 108, 111, 121, 124, 137, 143, 144, 146, 163.
May 11, Corps 38, Holyoke.	Corps 14, 18, 22, 58, 81, 98, 104, 116, 135, 165, 167.
May 12, Corps 125, Spencer.	Corps 11, 70, 71, 76, 115, 118, 130, 145, 148, 152, 154.
May 13, Corps 72, Milford.	Corps 6, 15, 36, 73, 80, 105, 107, 138, 153, 159, 174.
May 17, Corps 79, Brighton.	Corps 2, 25, 27, 43, 59, 66, 67, 126, 147.
May 19, Corps 12, Danvers.	Corps 23, 29, 30, 34, 50, 93, 119, 122, 128.
May 20, Corps 175, Hyannis.	Corps 51, 86, 132, 134, 141, 142, 151, 156.
May 23, Corps 39, Charlestown.	Corps 16, 21, 46, 65, 69, 84, 97, 161, 172.
May 24, Corps 35, Hyde Park.	Corps 41, 54, 63, 78, 85, 88, 89, 157.
May 25, Corps 101, Winchendon.	Corps 1, 17, 31, 82, 90, 112, 113, 140, 150, 164, 171.
May 27, Corps 32, No. Adams.	Corps 37, 48, 56, 57, 64, 92, 129, 133, 139, 149, 155, 158, 160, 162, 166.
May 31, Corps 20, So. Boston.	Corps 3, 5, 9, 10, 28, 40, 68, 91, 109.
June 7, Corps 120, Taunton.	Corps 8, 45, 52, 53, 61, 74, 95, 106, 117, 169, 170
June 8, Corps 102, Weymouth.	Corps 7, 47, 60, 94, 99, 100, 103, 110, 123.
June 10, Corps 42, Ipswich.	Corps 4, 19, 24, 26, 77, 87, 114, 173.

Members finding it difficult to attend as assigned may change to a more convenient place.

Department President and Department Inspector will be present at all exemplifications.

Assistant Inspectors are expected to attend at least one exemplification. It is particularly requested that Corps officers be present, that the work may be conducted in the most thorough manner.

The sessions will commence promptly at 1 p.m.

II. According to Rules and Regulations, Chapter V, Article V, Section 1, Corps exemplifying the ritualistic work shall have no other inspection during the current year.

III. Upon the recommendation of the Department Inspector, the following Assistant Inspectors are hereby appointed :

Barkley, Katherine	Corps	32	. . . .	North Adams.
Barrett, Katherine S.	"	18	. . . .	Northampton.
Beal, Mary A.	"	137	. . . .	Rockland.
Beck, Mary Bride	"	77	. . . .	Gloucester.
Berry, C. Elizabeth	"	20	. . . .	South Boston.
Blair, Octavia C.	"	7	. . . .	Brockton.
Booth, Ada A.	"	106	. . . .	Fall River.
Boss, Ella K.	"	1	. . . .	Fitchburg.
Blanchard, Sophronia N.	"	40	. . . .	Everett.
Chapman, Alice E.	"	14	. . . .	Springfield.
Clark, Emily L.	"	18	. . . .	Northampton.
Clark, Harriet E.	"	38	. . . .	Holyoke.
Cooper, Mary A.	"	23	. . . .	Marblehead.
Davidson, Jennie L.	"	152	. . . .	Leicester.
Davis, M. Jennie	"	79	. . . .	Brighton.
Dennis, Jennie P.	"	119	. . . .	Manchester.
Ellis, Melissa M.	"	132	. . . .	Sandwich.
Evans, Clara H. B.	"	37	. . . .	Pittsfield.
Fisher, Carrie A.	"	59	. . . .	Watertown.
Gibbs, Charlotte	"	157	. . . .	Hyannis.
Gifford, Kate J.	"	106	. . . .	Fall River.
Gilman, Mary L.	"	63	. . . .	Roxbury.
Goddard, Alice M.	"	7	. . . .	Brockton.
Hamilton, Lizzie	"	64	. . . .	Turners Falls.
Hastings, Sarah E.	"	27	. . . .	Cambridge.
Haynes, Florence M.	"	34	. . . .	Salem.
Holbrooke, Mary E.	"	102	. . . .	Weymouth.
Hopkinson, Sarah E.	"	87	. . . .	Groveland.
Jenks, Camilla E.	"	11	. . . .	Worcester.
Jones, Fannie M.	"	21	. . . .	Somerville.
Kendall, Marie J.	"	90	. . . .	Gardner.
Knowles, Mary E.	"	39	. . . .	Charlestown.
Langdon, Mary S.	"	42	. . . .	Ipswich.
Lazelle, Ella M.	"	164	. . . .	Northfield.
Lockhart, Etta A.	"	66	. . . .	East Cambridge.
Lyman, Dorcas H.	"	79	. . . .	Brighton.
Marsh, Nellie M.	"	115	. . . .	Ware.
McCallum, Myrtie I.	"	136	. . . .	Whitman.
Metcalf, Emily T.	"	15	. . . .	Ashland.
Monroe, Sarah E.	"	25	. . . .	Waltham.
Noyes, Sarah B.	"	37	. . . .	Pittsfield.
Pendergrace, Jennie	"	69	. . . .	Wakefield.
Pierce, Annie F.	"	125	. . . .	Spencer.
Potter, Ellen M.	"	57	. . . .	Greenfield.

Pratt, Susan A.	Corps 174	South Framingham.
Ralph, Harriett A.	" 21	Somerville.
Rice, Sarah J.	" 25	Waltham.
Ripley, Charlotte G.	" 169	Bridgewater.
Robinson, Angie A.	" 11	Worcester.
Rockwood, Lella F.	" 72	Milford.
Runyan, Grace	" 2	Cambridge.
Sanderson, Emma	" 167	South Deerfield.
Saville, Mary A.	" 97	Lexington.
Sawin, Mabel F.	" 113	Westminster.
Sawyer, Elizabeth P.	" 95	New Bedford.
Sewall, Sarah A.	" 39	Charlestown.
Shattuck, Annie C.	" 1	Fitchburg.
Shute, Hattie L.	" 134	Cottage City.
Stewart, Minnie B.	" 129	Pittsfield.
Stringer, Lucy J.	" 151	Wareham.
Stowe, Jennie S.	" 171	Ashburnham.
Sturtevant, Jennie E. L.	" 111	Pembroke.
Taylor, Myra M.	" 112	Templeton.
Tirrell, S. Jennie	" 29	Lynn
Turner, Hattie E.	" 89	Franklin.
Wadsworth, Lue Stuart	" 20	South Boston.
Wescott, Hattie A.	" 72	Milford.
Wilder, Helen M.	" 60	Hingham.

IV. Assistant Inspectors who are unable to serve will please notify Department Inspector, Miss Sarah L. Mecuen, 41 South Russell Street, Boston, Mass., as soon as possible.

It is very important that all Assistant Inspectors become thoroughly familiar with the Ritual and Rules and Regulations of our Order, that the inspections may be a benefit to the Corps throughout the entire Department.

V. The consolidated quarterly reports of the Department Secretary and Treasurer for the quarter ending March 31 contain the following statistics :

Membership	14,244
Expended in relief	\$2,509.79
Turned over to Posts	1,749.81
Value of relief other than money	487.09

VI. The following additional Aides are hereby appointed :

Camilla A. Howe	Lawrence.
Lavinia Nelson	East Cambridge.
Harriet E. Allen	Fitchburg.
Roxie R. Hunt	Canton.
Annie E. Tuttle	Lowell.
Helen L. Beatty	Waltham.

VII. The harvest is ripe for the gleaner. Will you not assist to add to our membership? Have you yet brought into our Order that neighbor or friend you promised yourself you would introduce before the end of the year? Do

not forget this important duty. Let each one of us do her part along this line, and bring new members into our fold.

VIII. Attention of Corps Presidents is called to the National General Orders, No. 8, regarding service pension.

IX. Contributions for Memorial Day in the South, and other contributions, will be acknowledged in later General Orders.

X. Many ask the question, "What are the duties of Department Aides?" The answer is clearly stated in Chapter III., Article VI., Sec. 13, Rules and Regulations, 1904 edition.

XI. Delegates and alternates who do not expect to attend the National Convention in Boston in August are requested to notify Department Secretary, Miss Mary E. Elliot, before June 15.

By order,

Annie M. Harne
Department President.

Mary E. Elliot
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF MASS., WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
NO. 657 WASHINGTON STREET, ROOM 17. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 5. }

BOSTON, July 11, 1903.

I. The Twenty-second National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in Tremont Temple (Tremont Street), Boston, Aug. 17 and 18, 1904.

The first session will be called to order promptly at 9 o'clock, Wednesday A.M., by Mrs. Sarah D. Winans, National President. It is earnestly requested that all delegates of this Department be prompt in their attendance and remain during all the sessions.

Members of our Order who are not delegates will be admitted to the galleries of the Temple by giving the National password.

It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of visitors.

II. For the information of members who intend coming to Boston during Encampment week, the following extract from General Orders of Department Commander Lucius Field is herein copied:

"The New England Passenger Association have agreed to the following rates of fare to Boston:—

"From points within a radius of fifteen to forty-nine miles, inclusive, one and one-half cents per mile in each direction. Tickets to be on sale August 15, 16, 17 and 18, good returning to and including August 20. Validation for return passage not required.

"From points within a radius of fifty to one hundred and forty-nine miles, inclusive, from Boston, one and one-quarter cents per mile in each direction, plus twenty-five cents for the validation of return portion of tickets. Tickets to be on sale August 15, 16, 17 and 18, good returning to and including August 20.

"From points one hundred and fifty miles or more from Boston, one cent per mile in each direction, plus twenty-five cents for the validation of return portion of tickets. Tickets to be on sale August 13, 14, 15 and 16, good returning to and including August 20.

"Tickets will be limited to continuous passage in both directions.

"A joint agency will be established at 75 Federal Street, Boston, and passenger must present ticket to joint agent for validation on date on which return journey is to be commenced, which must not be earlier than August 16 nor later than August 20, 1904. On payment of fifty cents and by depositing the ticket, it will be extended to return from Boston not later than midnight of Sept. 30, 1904."

III. The report of Mrs. Harriett A. Ralph, chairman of the Finance Committee, given July 6, at the meeting of the Executive Committee of Arrangements for the National Convention, does not show as large contributions as in 1890.

We are deeply thankful, however, to the Corps that have responded with donations and pledges, and feel that all pledges will be redeemed by August 1. Twenty Corps have failed to respond to the appeal issued by the committee. While we do not wish any Corps to cripple its local work, we are anxious to have sufficient funds to meet all necessary expenses, and trust that every Corps will realize the importance of this matter and consider it an honor and pleasure to assist in plans to make this the most memorable gathering ever held in our State.

IV. Members desiring rooms should attend to the matter at once and notify Mrs. L. A. Turner, chairman of the Accommodation Committee, Room 349, Old South Building, Washington Street, Boston.

V. By vote of the Council, the Department of Massachusetts will keep "open house" at the Vendome, Monday, August 15, also on the 16th, 17th and 18th, when a cordial greeting will be extended by Department officers and the committee from the Corps in Suffolk County.

VI. Headquarters of the Department of Massachusetts, Woman's Relief Corps, will be established at Hotel Vendome, Monday morning, August 15. All members and friends are invited to call and register.

A meeting of the delegates and alternates will be held at Massachusetts headquarters at the Vendome at 5.30 P.M., Tuesday, August 16.

Members must procure National password from their respective Corps President in order to be admitted to the convention.

VII. A reception to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and their friends will be given by the Department of Massachusetts, Monday evening, August 15, from eight to nine o'clock.

A cordial invitation is extended to all kindred organizations and friends of our Order to be present

The following reception committee is herewith appointed :

Miss M. Edna Mecuen, Corps 39	Charlestown.
Mrs. Lizzie M. Richards, Corps 25	Waltham.
Mrs. Dorcas H. Lyman	Brighton.
Mrs. Mary J. Parkhurst	Gloucester.
Mrs. Sarah J. Rice	Waltham.
Mrs. Etta A. Lockhart	Cambridge.
Mrs. Delilah S. Davis	Lawrence.
Mrs. Octavia C. Blair	Brockton.
Mrs. Minnie B. Besse	Wareham.
Mrs. Florence M. Haynes	Salem.
Mrs. Mary J. Pettingill	Everett.
Mrs. Carrie E. Dustin	East Boston.
Mrs. Etta S. Paine	Somerville.
Mrs. Eleanor B. Wheeler	South Boston.
Mrs. Belle A. Russell	Winchendon.
Mrs. Mary T. Hawkes	Danvers.
Mrs. Lena G. Lennon	Fall River

The Department President is chairman of both committees by vote of the Council.

VIII. A woman's camp-fire will be held in Mechanics Building on Thursday evening, August 18, to which all members are invited Corps Presidents will please extend this invitation to the Posts and other patriotic organizations in their respective localities. A program of great interest is being arranged, and the gathering cannot fail to be one of inspiration.

IX. The following additional aides are hereby appointed : —

Mrs. Susie E. Young (Special Aide)	Dorchester.
Mrs. Ruth A. Gleason	Saxonville.
Mrs. Emeline Landy	South Framingham.
Mrs. Maud B. Comstock	West Brookfield.

X. Contributions since last report.

SOLDIERS' HOME FUND.

Mrs. Annie C. Shattuck	\$.60
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DEPARTMENT RELIEF FUND

Mrs. Marie A. Pickett, Aide	\$.50	
Mrs. Lucretia H. Wetherell, Aide	2.40	
Mrs. Alice P. Smith	2.00	
Henry Ross	5.00	
		<u>\$9.90</u>

ANDERSONVILLE.

Corps 65, Stoneham	\$1 00
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MONUMENT TO LOYAL WOMEN.

Corps 72, Milford	\$1.00
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SOLDIERS' HOME DONATIONS.

Error in last General Orders. Corps 136, Whitman, should have been \$14.55

MEMORIAL DAY IN THE SOUTH.

Corps 1, Fitchburg	\$1 00	Corps 39, Charlestown	\$2 00
" 2, Cambridge	1 00	" 40, Everett	2 00
" 3, East Boston	2 00	" 41, Foxboro	2 00
" 4, Georgetown	2 00	" 42, Ipswich	3 00
" 5, Medford	2 00	" 43, Arlington	2 00
" 7, Brockton	2 00	" 44, Marshfield	1 00
" 9, Charlestown	2 00	" 45, Attleboro	1 00
" 10, Chelsea	2 00	" 46, Saugus	2 00
" 11, Worcester	5 00	" 47, East Bridgewater	1 00
" 12, Danvers	1 00	" 49, Ayer	1 00
" 13, Norwell	1 00	" 50, Peabody	2 00
" 14, Springfield	2 00	" 51, Provincetown	1 00
" 15, Ashland, for Hampton, Va	3 00	" 53, New Bedford	2 00
" 16, Melrose	1 00	" 54, Walpole	2 00
" 17, Orange	3 00	" 57, Greenfield	3 00
" 19, Amesbury	2 00	" 58, Easthampton	3 00
" 20, South Boston	2 00	" 59, Watertown	1 00
" 21, Somerville	5 00	" 61, Mansfield	2 00
" 22, Westfield	2 00	" 63, Roxbury	3 00
" 23, Marblehead	1 00	" 64, Turners Falls	50
" 24, Merrimac	1 00	" 65, Stoneham	1 00
" 25, Waltham	1 00	" 66, E. Cambridge	2 00
" 26, Newburyport	2 00	" 68, Dorchester	5 00
" 27, Cambridgeport	1 00	" 69, Wakefield	1 00
" 28, Boston	2 00	" 70, Warren	1 00
" 29, Lynn	5 00	" 71, Southbridge	3 00
" 30, Beverly	3 00	" 72, Milford	3 00
" 31, Leominster	2 00	" 73, Northboro	2 00
" 32, North Adams	1 00	" 74, Plainville	1 00
" 34, Salem	5 00	" 75, Lowell	1 00
" 35, Hyde Park	1 00	" 76, Palmer	2 00
" 36, Whitman	1 00	" 77, Gloucester	5 00
" 37, Pittsfield	2 00	" 78, Norwood	3 00
		" 79, Brighton	2 00

Corps 80, Westboro	\$2 00	Corps 130, Sturbridge	\$1 00
" 82, Athol	5 00	" 134, Cottage City	2 00
" 84, Woburn	2 00	" 136, Whitman	2 00
" 86, Nantucket	2 00	" 137, Rockland	1 00
" 89, Franklin	1 00	" 138, Hopkinton	1 00
" 90, Gardner	2 00	" 139, Great Barrington . .	25
" 92, Montague	1 00	" 140, Holden	2 00
" 93, Beverly Farms	2 00	" 141, South Chatham	1 00
" 95, New Bedford	2 00	" 143, Duxbury	1 00
" 97, Lexington	2 00	" 144, Hanover	2 00
" 102, Weymouth	2 00	" 146, Hanson	2 00
" 103, Quincy	2 00	" 149, Lee	2 00
" 105, Upton	1 00	" 150, Rutland	1 00
" 106, Fall River	3 00	" 151, Wareham	2 00
" 108, Abington	2 00	" 152, Leicester	1 00
" 109, Brookline	2 00	" 153, Uxbridge	1 00
" 112, East Templeton	1 00	" 156, Bourne	1 00
" 113, Westminster	1 00	" 157, Boston	2 00
" 114, Essex	1 00	" 160, Adams	1 00
" 115, Ware	2 00	" 161, Woburn	2 00
" 117, North Attleboro	1 00	" 162, Sheffield	2 00
" 120, Taunton	2 00	" 163, Kingston	1 00
" 121, Scituate	1 00	" 164, Northfield	2 00
" 122, Swampscott	2 00	" 169, Bridgewater	1 00
" 124, Plymouth	5 00	" 170, E. Bridgewater	1 00
" 125, Spencer	1 00	" 171, Ashburnham	1 00
" 126, Revere	1 00	" 174, S. Framingham	5 00
" 127, Andover	1 00	" 175, Hyannis	1 00
" 128, Reading	1 00		
" 129, Pittsfield	1 00		
			\$233 75

XI. The quarterly reports of the Department Secretary and Treasurer for the quarter ending June 30 contain the following statistics:

Number of members in good standing	14,460
Amount expended in relief	\$1,330.50
Amount turned over to Posts	2,366.87
Estimated value of relief other than money . .	460.06

XII. It is with deep regret that it is necessary again to call attention to promptness in forwarding quarterly reports, as several were late this quarter, thereby causing much anxiety and extra expense.

It requires several days to consolidate the reports from Corps, and it is of the greatest importance that the Department should not be delinquent in reporting to National headquarters.

Corps Presidents, will you see that the reports for the next quarter are correct before signing them, and that they are mailed to the Department Secretary by the 1st of the following month?

XIII. The printed Journals of the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the Department of Massachusetts have been sent to Corps Presidents to be distributed to the voting members of the Convention, as previously stated.

If an alternate served in the place of a delegate, she is entitled to the copy and not the delegate who was absent. A copy should be filed with the Corps and one given the Post Commander.

XIV. The annual inspections of the Corps in this Department will be held during the months of September, October and November. Corps will be expected to perform the entire ritualistic work, according to instructions given at exemplifications.

Upon recommendation of Department Inspector the following arrangements of Assistant Inspectors are herewith announced:

ASSIGNMENT OF ASSISTANT INSPECTORS.

Barkley, Katherine	of Corps 32 to	37, 129, 155
Barrett, Katherine S.	" 18 "	14, 58, 135
Beal, Mary A.	" 137 "	121, 144
Beck, Mary Bride	" 77 "	119, 173
Berry, C. Elizabeth	" 20 "	2, 3, 77
Blair, Octavia C.	" 7 "	8, 47
Booth, Ada A.	" 106 "	53, 61
Boss, Ella K.	" 1 "	31, 90
Blanchard, Sophronia N.	" 40 "	65
Chapman, Alice E.	" 14 "	22, 76, 145
Clark, Emily L.	" 18 "	98, 116
Clark, Harriet E.	" 38 "	18, 104, 165
Cooper, Mary A.	" 23 "	30, 122
Davidson, Jennie L.	" 152 "	70, 115
Davis, M. Jennie	" 79 "	5, 27
Dennis, Jennie P.	" 119 "	93, 114
Ellis, Melissa M.	" 132 "	106, 141
Evans, Clara H. B.	" 37 "	139, 158, 162
Fisher, Carrie A.	" 59 "	21, 69
Gibbs, Christie W.	" 175 "	169
Gifford, Kate J.	" 106 "	45, 151
Gilman, Mary L.	" 63 "	43, 147, 157
Goddard, Alice M.	" 7 "	40, 67, 146, 172, 174
Hamilton, S. Lizzie	" 64 "	17, 56, 92, 164
Hastings, Sarah E.	" 27 "	126
Haynes, Florence M.	" 34 "	87, 96
Holbrooke, Mary E.	" 102 "	143, 163, 170
Hopkinson, Sarah E.	" 87 "	4
Jones, Fannie M.	" 21 "	49, 83, 100
Kendall, Marie J.	" 90 "	82, 112, 140
Knowles, Mary E.	" 39 "	34, 78, 103
Langdon, Mary S.	" 42 "	19, 24, 26
Lazelle, Ella M.	" 104 "	48, 57
Lockhart, Etta A.	" 66 "	59, 128
Lyman, Dorcas H.	" 79 "	74, 111
Marsh, Nellie M.	" 115 "	81, 154, 168
McCallum, Myrtie I.	" 136 "	60, 94
Monroe, Sarah E.	" 25 "	85

Noyes, Sarah B.	of Corps 37 to	149, 160, 166
Pendergrace, Jennie	" 69 "	84, 127
Pierce, Annie F.	" 125 "	71, 130, 152
Pratt, Susan A.	" 174 "	107, 138
Ralph, Harriett A.	" 21 "	1, 55, 124
Rice, Sarah J.	" 25 "	66, 109
Ripley, Charlotte G.	" 169 "	52
Robinson, Angie A.	" 11 "	36, 80, 148
Rockwood, Lelia F.	" 72 "	15, 41, 54
Runyan, Grace	" 2 "	10, 28
Saville, Mary A.	" 97 "	161
Sawin, Mabel F.	" 113 "	150, 167
Sawyer, Elizabeth P.	" 95 "	117, 132, 156
Sewall, Sarah A.	" 39 "	46, 63
Shattuck, Annie C.	" 1 "	62, 73, 75, 97
Shute, Hattie L.	" 134 "	95, 142
Stowe, Jennie S.	" 171 "	113
Sturtevant, Jennie E. L.	" 111 "	13
Taylor, Myra M.	" 112 "	64, 171
Tirrell, S. Jennie	" 29 "	9, 23
Turner, Hattie E.	" 89 "	105, 153
Wadsworth, Lue Stuart	" 20 "	68, 89, 99, 108
Wescott, Hattie A.	" 72 "	118, 159
Wilder, Helen M.	" 60 "	44, 123
Mecuen, Sarah L., Department Inspector	Inspector of Corps 39 to 6, 7, 11, 16, 25, 29, 50, 51, 86, 88, 91, 110, 131, 134, 137	

XV. The following Corps having exemplified the work, will have no other inspection for the current year: 12, 20, 32, 33, 35, 38, 39, 42, 72, 79, 101, 102, 120, 125, 136, 175.

Assistant Inspectors unable to perform the duties assigned will promptly notify the Department Inspector.

In making arrangements for inspections, it is advisable that Assistant Inspectors incur as little expense as possible to the Department. They should forward all bills for traveling expenses to the Department Inspector for approval, who will forward them to the Department Treasurer for payment. Additional information regarding inspections can be obtained by addressing Miss Sarah L. Mecuen, 41 South Russell Street, Boston, Mass.

By command of

Annie M. Warner
Department President.

Mary E. Elliott
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF MASS., WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 NO. 657 WASHINGTON STREET, ROOM 17. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }
 No. 6. }

BOSTON, Oct. 24, 1904.

I. The first regular meeting in December is the date assigned by the rules of our Order for the annual election of officers. The attention of Corps is therefore called to Chapter II., Article VII., of the Rules and Regulations, containing instructions regarding the method of conducting elections.

If it is impossible to complete the election at the first regular meeting, a special meeting can be called to complete the same.

Members who are six months in arrears for dues cannot have the privilege of voting, and only members in good standing are entitled to vote or hold office.

It should be remembered that the success of the work throughout the year depends largely upon those who will be intrusted with leadership, and only those best fitted to advance the welfare of the Corps and the Post to which it is auxiliary should be chosen.

II. Every Corps is entitled to one delegate and one alternate for each sixty members in good standing reported to Department Headquarters for the term ending Sept. 30, 1904, and one additional delegate and alternate for a fraction over one-half that number. These delegates and alternates should be elected at the regular election of officers, and every Corps is entitled to one delegate and one alternate regardless of its membership. Therefore if a Corps had less than sixty members Sept. 30, it can have representation in Convention, but a Corps having ninety members is only entitled to the same representation. A membership of ninety-one (being a fraction over one-half the number required) entitles a Corps to two delegates and two alternates.

III. Election Certificates are herewith forwarded, and Corps Presidents are requested to see that they are properly made out, names given in full (not simply initials), and mailed to the Department Secretary immediately after election.

The President and Secretary of the present year should sign these reports.

Care should be taken in the names selected, as much trouble will thereby be saved the Corps and the officers at headquarters.

If a Corps President is reelected, she will, as the President installed for the year 1905, be entitled to a vote in Department Convention by virtue of her office, and the President who preceded her will have a vote as last Past President. The name of the latter must be entered on the list of Past Presidents when a President is reelected.

IV. The Election Returns, which are also forwarded, should be filled out with the greatest care, as the Department Roster of 1905 will be compiled from the names and information contained in these official returns. The time and place of meeting must also be given and the hour designated by the words *afternoon* or *evening*. It is not sufficient to simply add P.M.

Both copies must be given to the Installing Officer on the date of installation, and said officer is requested to see that they are properly signed.

V. Corps Treasurers are notified that they must file their bond before installation and be prepared to answer this question during the ceremony of their installation.

VI. The newly elected officers must select the installing officer, and notify the Department Secretary as soon as the officer accepts the invitation to serve in that capacity.

The expenses of the installing officer should be borne by the Corps, and arrangements for installation are in charge of Corps officers.

VII. The plan so popular with Posts and Corps, that of holding joint installations, has been a benefit to both organizations, and the union of the Sons of Veterans and the Daughters of Veterans in these ceremonies is a help in promoting a united interest in our patriotic work. Public installations have proven of great benefit and should be arranged wherever practicable. The interest of the public in the work of our Order is desired, and the exercises under its auspices on the date of installation are oftentimes a means of creating renewed interest in the cause we represent.

Remembering we are auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, the wishes of Posts should be considered before arrangements are made for a public service, and in all cases where the services are to be joint a date convenient for the Post should be selected.

VIII. Installing Officers will add much to the impressiveness of the ceremony if they become familiar with the service and aim to conduct it in a thorough manner.

IX. The Consolidated Reports of the Department Secretary and Treasurer for the quarter ending September 30 contain the following figures:

Membership	14,524	
Expended for relief		\$1,158 14
Estimated value of relief other than money		300 52
Turned over to Posts		1,909 10

X. Contributions received since last report:

DEPARTMENT RELIEF FUND.

Corps 48, Colerain	\$2 00	Mrs. Martha J. Nuttle, Aide . . .	\$2 00
" 97, Lexington	10 00	Mrs. Mary O. Stevens, " . . .	1 00
" 164, Northfield	5 00	Mrs. Hattie N. Townsend, Aide, .	5 00
Mrs. Elizabeth P. Sawyer . . .	2 00	Mrs. Helen C. Mulford, Aide . .	5 00
Mrs. S. Lizzie Hamilton . . .	3 83	A Friend	2 00
Mrs. Annie E. Higgins, Aide . .	10 00		
			<u>\$47 83</u>

SOLDIERS' HOME DONATIONS.

Corps 165, Enfield	\$3 00
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DEPARTMENT RECEPTION AT VENDOME.

Suffolk County Association W.R.C.	\$10 00
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XI. It is with the deepest appreciation that the Department President extends thanks to the Corps for their liberal contributions to the fund for the entertainment of our guests during the week of the National Convention. Your efforts were surely "crowned with success," and the many expressions of gratitude received from our visitors from other States prove that the earnest and united efforts of the Corps of Massachusetts are appreciated abroad as well as at home.

XII. Corps Secretaries are requested to send Department Secretary a list of the deceased members during the past year when forwarding the next quarterly reports. It is important that the date of death be given, as this list will be printed in the Department Journal.

XIII. An earnest appeal is made to the Corps for donations for Thanksgiving relief. To comfort the hearts of the widow and orphan and the veterans who have been unfortunate is a work of love and duty; what more appropriate time than the holiday season to show tangible appreciation of the sacrifices of the men who saved the Union?

The Department Relief Committee has a list of worthy cases that cannot be reached by local Corps, and every dollar contributed for this purpose will be expended with the greatest care and discretion.

XIV. The following additional Aides are hereby appointed:

Louisa H. Mees	(Corps 88) Boston.
Mrs. Lillian L. Whiting	North Abington.
Mrs. J. Cora Gorden	Millers Falls.
Mrs. Etta W. Crowell	Rockland.

Mrs. M. Annie Smith of Gen. Kilpatrick Corps 38, Holyoke, is hereby appointed an Assistant Inspector, and assigned to inspect Corps 14, Springfield, Corps 58, Easthampton, and Corps 135, South Hadley.

XV. The sympathy of the Department of Massachusetts is extended Armstrong Corps 92, of Montague, in the death of Mrs. Lula A. Mann, its President, and for many years a devoted worker for the Veterans' cause. We also extend sympathy to her husband, Comrade Mann, in his bereavement.

XVI. Mrs. J. Cora Gorden is the acting President of Corps 92; P.O. address Millers Falls.

Mrs. Lillian L. Whiting has been elected President of McPherson Corps, 108, Abington, to fill a vacancy caused by resignation; P.O. address North Abington. Mrs. Louisa H. Mees, No. 212 Boylston Street, Jamaica Plain, is the newly-elected President of Corps 88, Boston.

XVII. Corps Press Correspondents are requested to forward reports of the work accomplished during the year, to the Department Press Correspondent, Mrs. C. Elizabeth Berry, 657 Washington Street, Boston. It is especially desirable to know how many correspondents are in touch with their local press.

XVIII. The Department President expresses heartfelt gratitude for the many letters and words of sympathy received in her hours of grief for a beloved brother who has passed to the other shore.

Remember, sisters, that your messages of consolation never will be forgotten.

By command of

Annie M. Warner

Department President

Mary E. Elliott

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF MASS., WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 No. 657 WASHINGTON STREET, ROOM 17. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }
 No. 7. }

BOSTON, Jan. 2, 1905.

I. The Twenty-sixth Annual Convention of the Department of Massachusetts, Woman's Relief Corps, will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, February 14 and 15th, in the People's Church, corner of Columbus Avenue and Berkeley Street, Boston, for the election of officers and the transaction of such business as may be presented.

II. The opening session of the Convention will be called to order *promptly* at 10 o'clock, Tuesday morning, February 14th. All delegates are requested to be at the church not later than 9.30 A.M.; those coming late will be obliged to take seats where they can find them. All members of our Order are cordially welcome, and the galleries will be reserved for visiting members.

III. According to the Rules and Regulations of our Order, the membership of the Convention is composed of the following representatives:

All Corps Presidents, the last Past President, and all regularly elected delegates, and alternates serving in the place of delegates.

If the Corps President is absent, the Senior Vice-President will serve in her place, and if the Senior Vice President is also absent, the Junior Vice President will represent the Corps.

All Department Officers, Past Department Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers, and Past National Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers are entitled to a vote in the Convention.

IV. Credential cards for the voting members will be forwarded to Corps Presidents on or before February 1, and they are expected to distribute same to the proper persons before leaving home for the Convention.

V. Delegates and visitors must secure the Department password from their Corps President, in order to be admitted to the Convention.

VI. Mrs. Marie J. Kendall of Corps 90, Gardner, is hereby announced as Chief Conductor. The Assistant Conductors' names will be announced at the opening session of the Convention.

Mrs. S. Jennie Davis, of Corps 79, Brighton, is hereby appointed Chief Guard, and her Assistant Guards will be named at the opening session.

VII. The following named members will kindly serve as committee on accommodations:

Mrs. Tryphena C. Berry, 43 St. Botolph Street, Boston.

Mrs. Lydia P. Hall, 30 Mellen Street, Cambridge

Mrs. Marie C. Blake, Elmore Street, Roxbury.

Miss Elizabeth T. Kirchgassner, 328 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain.

Mrs. Lucretia H. Wetherell, 12 Harlow Street, Roxbury.

VIII. The Department President desires to call the particular attention of the delegates and visitors to the arrangements for dinners, as in order to secure the service of the Ladies Aid Society connected with the church, the Depart-

ment Officers are obliged to guarantee payment for eight hundred lunches. This can only be accomplished by all the delegates and members present purchasing tickets for the lunches to be served in the church dining-room.

The trustees of the church have decided that lunches cannot be eaten in the pews, and that all disregarding this rule must pay the regular price of twenty-five cents. A representative of the church will be present during the noon-hour to see that this decision is carried into effect, and to collect the sum from all trespassing upon the rules of the church.

It is plainly apparent that it is not advisable for any member to bring a lunch, and the Department President hopes that all will conform to the arrangements made; purchase dinner tickets and thus do their share towards carrying out the guarantee made to the church officials.

IX. The Department President earnestly desires the assistance of members of the Convention to make it possible to commence the election of officers on the afternoon of the first day's session.

X. All resolutions to be presented to the Convention by Corps, should be sent to Miss Mary E. Elliot, Department Secretary, before February 6.

XI. The following are hereby appointed Reception Committee for the Convention:

Past National President Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, Chairman; Past National President Mrs. Lizabeth A. Turner and all Past Department Presidents.

XII. The usual Camp-fire will be held at the close of the convention in the People's Temple, at eight o'clock on Thursday evening, February 15.

A cordial invitation is extended to the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, the members of our Order, the Sons of Veterans, Daughters of Veterans and other patriotic organizations, with their friends. It is expected that many prominent guests will be present. An enjoyable programme will be presented by the committee in charge.

The following Committee of Arrangements for the evening is hereby announced:

Mary E. Knowles, Past National Chaplain, Chairman; Sarah E. Fuller, Past National President; Lizzie M. Richards, Senior Department Aide; Alice M. Goddard, Department Junior Vice-President; Mary E. Elliot, Department Secretary; Sarah L. Mecuen, Department Inspector; Clara H. B. Evans, Department Counselor; S. Edna Mecuen and Mary G. Deane, Past Department Presidents; Sarah J. Rice, National Aide.

Reception Committee for Evening Camp-fire:

Mary E. Knowles, Sarah E. Fuller, Lizzie M. Richards, Alice M. Goddard, Mary E. Elliot, Sarah L. Mecuen, Clara H. B. Evans, M. Susan Goodale, Eva T. Cook, Mary G. Deane, Angie A. Robinson, Maria W. Going, Dorcas H. Lyman, May A. Saville, Lexington; Carrie R. Staples, Swampscott; M. Nellie Miller, Westminster; Jennie Pendergrace, Wakefield; Nellie F. Willey, Lynn; Edith A. Cobb, Middleboro; Sylvia B. Lincoln, Falmouth; S. Edna Mecuen, Boston; Kate M. Bliss, North Attleboro.

XIII. No supplies will be issued from headquarters after January 31, and all bills due the Department Treasurer must be paid on or before that date, in order that she may have time to prepare her supplemental report.

XIV. A meeting of the Department Council will be held at headquarters Saturday, January 28, 1905, at one o'clock P.M.

XV. Contributions received since last General Orders :

DEPARTMENT RELIEF FUND.			
Corps	2, Cambridge	\$1 00	Mrs. Lou S. Wadsworth . . . \$3 46
"	12, Danvers, Th'ksgiv'g	5 00	Mrs. S. Jennie Tirrell . . . 2 90
"	16, Melrose "	1 00	Mrs. Mary A. Beal . . . 1 30
"	21, Somerville "	10 00	Mrs. Hattie L. Shute . . . 65
"	25, Waltham "	10 00	Mrs. Alice M. Goddard . . . 3 05
"	26, Newburyport "	2 00	Mrs. Sarah B. Noyes . . . 80
"	29, Lynn "	3 00	Mrs. Mary L. Gilman . . . 40
"	34, Salem "	10 00	Mrs. Angie A. Robinson . . . 85
"	39, Charlestown "	5 00	Mrs. Lelia F. Rockwood . . . 2 23
"	42, Ipswich "	3 00	Mrs. Lucretia H. Wetherell . . 2 60
"	48, Colerain "	1 00	Mrs. E. M. Kneeland, Dept.
"	59, Watertown "	5 00	Aide, Christmas . . . 5 00
"	61, Mansfield "	2 00	Mrs. Elmira Hunt, Dept. Aide,
"	62, W. Acton	5 00	Christmas 5 00
"	64, Turners Falls	1 00	Mrs. Jessie W. Lowell, Dept.
"	65, Stoneham	1 00	Aide, Christmas 5 00
"	68, Dorchester	3 00	Mrs. S. Lizzie Hamilton " . . 1 00
"	69, Wakefield	3 00	Mrs. Mary S. Langdon " . . 1 77
"	70, Warren	5 00	Mrs. Mary Bride Beck, Aide,
"	78, Norwood	3 00	Christmas 5 00
"	82, Athol	10 00	Mrs. M. Jennie Davis " . . 20
"	83, Groton	10 00	Mrs. Ella K. Boss " . . 60
"	90, Gardner	5 00	Mrs. Mary A. Saville " . . 20
"	103, Quincy	2 00	Mrs. Mary A. Cooper " . . 34
"	106, Fall River	5 00	Mrs. Grace Runyan, Dept. Aide,
"	109, Brookline	13 00	Christmas 5 00
"	112, E. Templeton	5 00	Mrs. Lydia P. Hall, Christmas . . 3 00
"	113, Westminster	5 00	Mrs. Annie E. Higgins " . . 2 00
"	120, Taunton	5 00	Mrs. Carrie A. Gibbs " . . 1 00
"	121, Scituate	1 00	Mrs. Marie C. Blake, Dept. Aide . 1 00
"	134, Cottage City	2 00	Mrs. M. Belle Martin, Dept. Aide . 5 00
"	138, Hopkinton	2 00	Mrs. Carrie M. Parks 4 00
"	143, Duxbury	1 00	Mrs. Lizzie F. Richards, Dept.
"	144, Hanover	2 00	Aide 5 00
"	150, Rutland	2 00	Mrs. Ruth A. Freeloove, Dept.
"	166, Housatonic	8 25	Aide 4 00
"	172, Malden	1 00	Mrs. Helen S. Beattie, Dept. Aide . 4 00
Mrs. Fannie M. Jones, Treas.			Mrs. Sarah J. Rice, Dept. Aide . . 4 00
Ex-"Com." Nat. Conv.		729 00	
Mrs. Harriet A. Ralph		2 00	
			\$969 60

SOLDIERS' HOME.

Corps 15, Ashland	\$5 00	Corps 118, Webster	\$5 00
" 16, Melrose	2 00	" 136, Whitman, for hosp.	5 25
" 24, Merrimac	5 00	" 139, Gt. Barrington	5 00
" 43, Arlington	10 00	" 162, Sheffield	5 00
			<u>\$42 25</u>

SOLDIERS' HOME DORMITORY.

Corps 97, Lexington	\$5 00
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ANDERSONVILLE PROPERTY.

Mrs. R. A. Pickett	\$1 14
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The Department President expresses her sincere thanks to the Corps for their liberal contributions for Thanksgiving and Christmas relief, and for their prompt and generous response to all appeals for the special funds.

XVI. It is with regret that announcement is made of the surrender of the charter of Capt. E. T. Dresser Corps 166, Housatonic.

This Corps has been in a weak condition for several years, being located in a small village and with but little local encouragement. It continued to conduct its work however, until the surrender of the Post to which it was auxiliary, when the little band of members felt that it was useless to continue longer its struggle for existence.

XVII. In accordance with the action of the Department Convention of 1903, a change was adopted in the method of selecting delegates and alternates to the National Convention. The plan outlined last year conforms to that vote and is a law of the Department of Massachusetts at the present time.

A copy of this plan of choosing delegates and alternates is herewith submitted (which is the same as last year) for the guidance of Corps.

The number of delegates and alternates each district is entitled to have as its representatives is as follows:

District No. 1 — Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden Counties. Three delegates and three alternates.

District No. 2 — Plymouth, Bristol, Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket Counties. Four delegates and four alternates.

District No. 3 — Middlesex and Norfolk Counties. Five delegates and five alternates.

District No. 4 — Worcester County. Three delegates and three alternates.

District No. 5 — Essex and Suffolk Counties. Five delegates and five alternates.

In accordance with this plan, every Corps is requested to send to the Department Secretary the name of one member as a candidate for delegate and one member for alternate, said names to be by vote of the Corps. The list will be given to the Committee on Nomination of Delegates and Alternates to be appointed at the Department Convention, and from the list received by the Committee the twenty delegates and twenty alternates required will be selected.

According to the Rules and Regulations, the basis on representation to the National Convention is one delegate and one alternate for every seven hundred members in good standing at the close of the quarter ending December 31.

The assignment of the counties into districts, as announced, is on the basis of membership, as required by the laws of the National Woman's Relief Corps.

As the Department of Massachusetts is only entitled to twenty delegates and twenty alternates (in addition to the delegate-at-large and alternate-at-large), this number only can be nominated from the list of names sent by Corps to the Nominating Committee.

XVIII. In sending to the Corps of Massachusetts my last General Orders as Department President, it is with a feeling of gratitude for the many acts of kindness and for all the courtesies that have been extended me. In every part of the State I have been most cordially received, and my heart has many times been gladdened, as I have witnessed the unselfish spirit of our members and the great work they are so earnestly accomplishing for the veterans' cause and for patriotic principles.

May the New Year upon which we are entering bring to you all the blessings which your worthy efforts deserve.

XIX. Corps Presidents are requested to furnish the Corps Treasurers with a copy of this General Order, and to furnish each delegate and alternate to Department Convention the information contained herein.

By command of

Annie M. Warner
Department President.

Mary E. Elliott
Department Secretary.



OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
 290 PLEASANT ST., SO. WEYMOUTH, MASS., March 12, 1904.

CIRCULAR LETTER, }
 No. 1. }

To Corps Presidents and Corps Patriotic Instructors:—

I fully appreciate the honor conferred upon me in my appointment as Department Patriotic Instructor, and realize with honors come responsibilities.

It is my earnest desire the Patriotic work shall be a great work of our Order this year, for never was there more need of the work than now, when all over our land, even in the country villages, are the schools filling with foreign children, who should be taught the *right* interpretation of "Liberty and justice for all!"

There is no better way of inculcating lessons of patriotism than to create respect for the flag and all it represents.

The children of to-day are the citizens of to-morrow, and among the children can we do our most telling work.

Remember, no work can be done in our schools without first consulting the school authorities. Let them know you are earnestly interested in the children, and get their advice as to what can best be done.

See that a flag is placed in each room, if nothing besides can be done.

The Declaration of Independence charts and the Oleograph of the Stars and Stripes may be presented to schools already supplied with flags, and will be interesting and instructive. These may be obtained from the Department Treasurer, through your Corps Treasurer.

Humane Teaching has been endorsed and made a part of our Patriotic Instruction. Free leaflets on this work and information regarding the formation of "Bands of Mercy" may be had upon application to George T. Angell, 19 Milk Street, Boston.

In accordance with the action of the Twenty-first National Convention, "Peace and Arbitration Day" will be observed on or about May 18.

Patriotic Instructors are reminded it is their duty to encourage the general observance of National anniversaries and Flag Day.

Special days for observance are :

- Jan. 29. Birthday of William McKinley.
- Feb. 12. Birthday of Abraham Lincoln.
- Feb. 22. Birthday of George Washington.
- April 19. Patriots' Day.
- May 18. Peace and Arbitration Day.
- May 30. Memorial Day.
- June 14. Flag Day.
- July 27. Woman's Relief Corps Day.
- Oct. 1, or first Sunday in October, Citizens' Sunday.

I would suggest that Corps Instructors invite the local clergymen to assist in the observance of Citizens' Sunday by having the churches decorated with flags and bunting, and the whole service pertain to patriotism.

In accordance with decision number ten, of the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention, the Department Patriotic Instructor, with the advice and consent of the Department President, will meet the Corps Instructors at the several county conventions

The Patriotic Instructor of each Corps will please notify, in writing, the Department Patriotic Instructor the date and place of meeting of said convention.

Flag Salute leaflets and programs for Memorial and Flag Days will be furnished Corps Instructors upon application.

Will each Corps Instructor send me her address and that of her assistant or assistants as soon as possible.

With this Circular I send two copies of Form V, which are to be filled out and one copy returned to Department Patriotic Instructor not later than July 10 and one copy filed with the secretary of the Corps.

(Send earlier than July 10 if you can.)

Please send, with your report, a short letter, telling what has been accomplished in patriotic work in your locality, and any item of interest you think would help other Corps, thus helping in the complete report to the National Patriotic Instructor.

Any assistance I can render at any time will be most cheerfully given

I ask your hearty co-operation in this great work of our Order, as only by unity of action can we accomplish great things.

Sincerely yours in F., C. and L., *

MARY E. HOLBROOKE.

Department Patriotic Instructor.

Approved :

Annie M. Warner

Department President.

Mary E. Elliot

Department Secretary.

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT PRESS CORRESPONDENT, }
 WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
 657 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MASS., April 11, 1904.

CIRCULAR LETTER, }
 No. 2. }

To Corps Presidents and Corps Press Correspondents:

Having been appointed Department Press Correspondent, I am sincerely appreciative of the honor conferred upon me, and, realizing the responsibility of the office, pledge my best efforts for a faithful performance of duty. In order that success shall result, it is necessary to have the co-operation of every Corps Press Correspondent in the Department, that the work of the Woman's Relief Corps may be kept constantly before the public, through the medium of the press.

It is not enough that items of interest are published in local papers, but the wider publicity of the metropolitan press should be sought. Therefore, Corps Press Correspondents are urged to send accounts of Corps happenings to the Department Press Correspondent, at 657 Washington Street, Boston, mailing *not later than Wednesday night*. Do not wait for clippings, but *write* your news. Send clippings later, that the Department Press Correspondent may know what is being done. If the interesting event is to occur on Wednesday evening, send the story in *advance*. Please remember that no items a week old will be received by the Boston papers; also that it is not always possible to secure the insertion of all items sent; but the Department Secretary and Press Correspondent will do all they can to attain that result.

Responses from Corps Correspondents thus far have been very gratifying, and I wish to thank them, one and all, and urge that they do not falter in the good work. The pen is indeed mightier than the sword, and by their good deeds the Woman's Relief Corps should be known.

Monthly letters from the Department will appear in the *W.R.C. Messenger*, published at Tr. y, Ohio. There are departments devoted to W.R.C. news in the *Boston Sunday Globe* and *Herald* and the *Boston Courier* (weekly). The *Boston Globe*, *Herald*, *Transcript* and other papers take W.R.C. items from day to day, and the *Suburban*, a Boston weekly, is issuing a series of sketches, with portraits, of prominent members of the Order.

Sincerely yours in F., C. and L.,

C. ELIZABETH BERRY,

Department Press Correspondent.

Approved:

Annie M. Warner

Department President.

Mary E. Elliott

Department Secretary.

*Headquarters Department of
Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps,
657 Washington Street.*

Boston. Sept. 1, 1904

Mrs.

Dear Madam:

*You are hereby detailed to
inspect Corps Nos.*

By order of

Sarah L. Mecuen,

Department Inspector.

Approved:

Annie M. Barnes

Department President.

Mary E. Elliot

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF MASS. WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 No. 657 WASHINGTON ST., ROOM 17 }

BOSTON,190

COMRADE

Commander Post G.A.R.:

Dear Sir,—In compliance with your request I herewith send you blank application for Charter and some instructions and suggestions for your guidance in the formation of the Woman's Relief Corps.

I. Rules and Regulations requiring that the application for Charter (see Chap. II., Art. I., Sect. 1) must be signed by the Post Commander, it is expected that the Commander will submit this question to the Post at a regular meeting, previous notice of such contemplated action having been given; and a majority vote of the Post being favorable to the formation of the Corps, the Commander will sign the application.

II. The Charter fee of five dollars (\$5.00) must in all cases accompany the Application for Charter.

III. The signatures of the ladies on the Application must be in their own handwriting, and their own Christian name; as Mary B.—not Mrs John.

IV. It is recommended that the Application be placed in the hands of some person who will use great discretion in the selection of those who are to form the Charter membership of the Corps. Women of character, ability, patriotism and self-sacrifice are needed to insure the prosperity of the Corps.

Loyal women having no ties of kindred to the veteran are especially welcome to our ranks.

V. The admission fee, which must be paid the day the Corps is instituted, is one dollar and fifty cents. This includes the price of badge.

VI. The cost of supplies for a Corps of twenty-five members is about \$25.00.

VII. The *annual dues* assessed each member is determined by vote of the Corps after formation. The average sum in this Department is about one dollar per year.

VIII. The *per capita* tax paid to this Department is *ten* cents for each member per quarter.

IX. After signatures are obtained, application for Charter forwarded to Headquarters and approved, a meeting of the members should be called, Rules and Regulations read and all necessary instruction given. Make a preliminary selection of officers (see Rules for number and rank), and use great care to select women of ability and *fitness* for each office as far as possible.

X After date of institution is arranged with Department Headquarters, notify all those who have signed and appoint an early hour for the meeting,—

not later than two o'clock P.M., as considerable time is required for instruction in the work.

Public installations of the Officers in the evening are recommended, as they give the members of the Post and friends of the Corps an opportunity to witness the work, impart information and create an interest in the organization.

Trusting that these instructions will assist you in the formation of the Corps, which we shall gladly welcome to our ranks, I am

Yours in F., C. and L.,

[Official]

.....
Department President.

.....
Department Secretary.

PRESS CIRCULAR.

HEADQUARTERS.....CORPS, No.....

Corps are requested to send items in **ADVANCE**, which, to ensure publication in the Boston papers the **FOLLOWING SUNDAY**, should be mailed on or before Thursday of each week.

If anything of a special nature is to form a portion of the programme, or if notables are invited to attend, please insert on space below.

MARY E. ELLIOT,
Department Secretary,
657 Washington St., Boston.

.....190 .

This Corps will hold a

.....on190 ,
at....., and it is expected that this will be an event of
special interest.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

Press Correspondent Corps No.....*W.R.C.*
.....*Mass.*

BLANK B.

Mrs.....President Corps No.....

MADAM :

This blank is to be filled out by the Corps Treasurer and forwarded with the reports for the fourth quarter to the Department Secretary.

Amount expended from Jan. 1, 1903, to Jan. 1, 1904, for the following objects, viz :

Turned over to Post	\$.....
For Department Relief Fund	\$.....
For Soldiers' Home	\$.....
For Soldiers or their relatives	\$.....
For National W.R.C. Home	\$.....
For Memorial Fund	\$.....
For Invalid Veterans' Fund (Department)	\$.....
For Memorial Day Work (in your town or city)	\$.....
For Memorial Day in the South	\$.....
For permanent Memorials (halls, monuments, urns, etc.)	\$.....
For patriotic work in Public Schools	\$.....

.....*Corps President.*

.....*Corps Secretary.*

ELECTION CERTIFICATE.

HEADQUARTERS CORPS No.....
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, W.R.C.

.....1903.
Town. Date.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY:

At a regular meeting held December.....the following members
were elected to represent the Corps in the Department Convention for the year
commencing January 1st, next:

*Corps President for 1904.....

*P O. Address,.....

S. V.-P.

J. V.-P.

DELEGATES.	ALTERNATES.
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
10	10
Last Past President, .....	.....

This report must be signed by the President and Secretary of 1903. Do
not use initials, but report given name.

If the President of 1903 is re-elected, the one who immediately preceded
her is the *last* Past President.

.....Secretary.

.....President.

*Give the name and post-office address of the President-elect, and the full
name of the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, Delegates and Alternates.



1879

1905

*You are cordially invited to attend the
Twenty-sixth Anniversary
of the
Department of Massachusetts
Woman's Relief Corps
Auxiliary to the
Grand Army of the Republic
People's Temple, Boston
Wednesday Evening, February Fifteenth
Nineteen Hundred and Five
Eight o'clock*



1879

1904

*The Department of Massachusetts
Woman's Relief Corps*

*will give a Reception
in honor of*

*The Grand Army of the Republic
to which you are cordially invited*

*Monday Evening, August the Fifteenth
Nineteen Hundred and Four
from eight to nine o'clock*

The Vendome Boston, Mass.

ROSTER OF CORPS.

ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED BY TOWNS.

Abington	108	East Bridgewater	47
Adams	160	East Bridgewater	170
Amesbury	19	East Cambridge	66
Amherst	116	East Douglass	159
Andover	127	Easthampton	58
Arlington	43	Eastondale	52
Ashburnham	171	Enfield	165
Ashland	15	Essex	114
Athol	82	Everett	40
Attleboro	45	Fall River	106
Avon	123	Falmouth	142
Ayer	49	Fitchburg	1
Belchertown	81	Foxboro	41
Beverly	30	Franklin	89
Beverly Farms	93	Gardner	90
Boston	28	Georgetown	4
Boston	67	Gloucester	77
Boston	88	Great Barrington	139
Boston	157	Greenfield	57
Bourne	156	Groton	83
Braintree	94	Groveland	87
Bridgewater	169	Hanover	144
Brighton	79	Hanson	146
Brockton	7	Haverhill	96
Brookline	109	Hingham	60
Cambridge	2	Holden	140
Cambridgeport	27	Holliston	6
Canton	100	Holyoke	38
Charlestown	9	Hopkinton	138
Charlestown	39	Huntington	104
Chelsea	10	Hyannis	175
Colerain	48	Hyde Park	35
Conway	98	Ipswich	42
Cottage City	134	Kingston	163
Danvers	12	Lawrence	55
Dorchester	68	Lee	149
Duxbury	143	Leicester	152
East Boston	3	Leominster	31

Lexington	97	Rutland	150
Lowell	33	Salem	34
Lowell	75	Sandwich	132
Lynn	29	Saugus	46
Malden	172	Scituate	121
Manchester	119	Sheffield	162
Mansfield	61	Shelburne Falls	56
Marblehead	23	Shrewsbury	36
Marshfield Hills	44	Somerville	21
Medford	5	South Boston	20
Melrose	16	South Boston	91
Merrimac	24	Southbridge	71
Middleboro	8	South Chatham	141
Milford	72	South Deerfield	167
Milton	147	South Framingham	174
Monson	145	South Hadley Falls	135
Montague	92	Spencer	125
Nantucket	86	Springfield	14
Needham	85	Stoneham	65
New Bedford	53	Stoughton	99
New Bedford	95	Sturbridge	130
Newburyport	26	Swampscott	122
North Adams	32	Taunton	120
North Attleboro	117	Turners Falls	64
Northampton	18	Templeton	112
Northboro	73	Upton	105
North Brookfield	154	Uxbridge	153
Northfield	164	Wakefield	69
Norwell	13	Walpole	54
Norwood	78	Waltham	25
Orange	17	Ware	115
Oxford	148	Wareham	151
Palmer	76	Warren	70
Peabody	50	Watertown	59
Pembroke	111	Webster	118
Pepperell	131	West Acton	62
Pittsfield	37	Westboro	80
Pittsfield	129	West Brookfield	168
Plainfield	158	Westfield	22
Plainville	74	West Medway	107
Plymouth	124	Westminster	113
Provincetown	51	Weymouth	102
Quincy	103	Whitman	136
Randolph	110	Williamstown	155
Reading	128	Winchendon	101
Revere	126	Woburn	161
Rockland	137	Woburn	84
Rockport	173	Worcester	11
Roxbury	63		

ROSTER OF CORPS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH DATE OF CHARTER.

1879.			1883.		
No.	LOCATION.	CHARTERED.	No.	LOCATION.	CHARTERED.
1	Fitchburg	May 17	3	East Boston	Oct. 12
2	Cambridge	" 20	33	Lowell	Nov. 21
5	Medford	" 27	1884.		
9	Charlestown	Oct. 16	35	Hyde Park	Feb. 18
10	Chelsea	" 23	36	Shrewsbury	" 21
7	Brockton	" 29	38	Holyoke	Apr. 10
1880.			41	Foxboro	" 11
14	Springfield	Mar. 12	39	Charlestown	" 22
15	Ashland	Apr. 12	37	Pittsfield	" 23
1881.			42	Ipswich	May 19
16	Melrose	Jan. 6	40	Everett	" 22
1882.			43	Arlington	June 19
6	Holliston	Jan. 5	45	Attleboro	Sept. 18
19	Amesbury	" 27	1885.		
20	South Boston	Apr. 10	8	Middleboro	Jan. 12
21	Somerville	May 11	46	Saugus	" 16
22	Westfield	Dec. 15	47	East Bridgewater	" 16
1883.			49	Ayer	" 26
25	Waltham	Jan. 19	51	Provincetown	Mar. 31
24	Merrimac	" 26	23	Marblehead	Apr. 4
26	Newburyport	Feb. 14	13	Norwell	May 6
27	Cambridgeport	" 16	18	Northampton	" 13
29	Lynn	" 20	50	Peabody	" 27
28	Boston	Mar. 9	53	New Bedford	Sept. 27
4	Georgetown	Apr. 2	54	Walpole	" 28
12	Danvers	" 12	55	Lawrence	Oct. 7
11	Worcester	May	56	Shelburne Falls	Nov. 6
30	Beverly	" 28	57	Greenfield	" 13
34	Salem	Sept. 7	59	Watertown	" 30
32	North Adams	" 18	58	Easthampton	Dec. 7
			60	Hingham	" 17
			31	Leominster	" 29

1886.			1888.		
No.	LOCATION.	CHARTERED.	No.	LOCATION.	CHARTERED.
61	Mansfield	Jan. 6	17	Orange	June 12
63	Roxbury	" 25	105	Upton	July 19
62	West Acton	" 30	112	East Templeton	Sept. 5
64	Turners Falls	Feb. 15	114	Essex	Oct. 25
66	East Cambridge	" 22	115	Ware	Dec. 7
68	Dorchester	" 23			
67	Boston	" 25			
69	Wakefield	Mar. 17			
48	Colerain	Apr. 29			
70	Warren	May 6			
71	Southbridge	" 27			
72	Milford	" 27			
73	Northboro	June 24			
74	Plainville	Oct. 19			
76	Palmer	Nov. 19			
77	Gloucester	Dec. 29			
1887.			1889.		
80	Westboro	Jan. 4	96	Haverhill	Jan. 23
79	Brighton	" 11	116	Amherst	" 25
78	Norwood	" 22	117	North Attleboro	Feb. 8
82	Athol	" 22	119	Manchester	Mar. 14
84	Woburn	Mar. 17	120	Taunton	" 21
161	Woburn	" 17	121	Scituate	Apr. 5
85	Needham	" 23	122	Swampscott	June 6
87	Groveland	" 31	123	Avon	" 27
110	Randolph	Apr. 1	124	Plymouth	Dec. 3
90	Gardner	May 17			
92	Montague	June 22			
132	Sandwich	" 23			
93	Beverly Farms	Oct. 14			
94	Braintree	Nov. 14			
1888.			1890.		
97	Lexington	Jan. 10	113	Westminster	Jan. 27
98	Conway	" 18	125	Spencer	" 30
141	South Chatham	" 20	126	Revere	Apr. 18
99	Stoughton	" 20	127	Andover	" 22
101	Winchendon	Mar. 9	128	Reading	May 30
103	Quincy	May 7	130	Sturbridge	" 28
104	Huntington	" 15	131	East Pepperell	July 16
52	Eastondale	" 15	134	Cottage City	Dec. 4
106	Fall River	" 21			
107	West Medway	" 5			
109	Brookline	" 8			
			1891.		
			95	New Bedford	Jan. 3
			135	South Hadley	" 5
			136	Whitman	" 6
			137	Rockland	" 14
			138	Hopkinton	Mar. 12
			139	Great Barrington	" 18
			140	Holden	Apr. 13
			111	Pembroke	" 21
			142	Falmouth	May 13
			89	Franklin	June 15
			143	Duxbury	Sept. 8
			144	Hanover	Oct. 20
			145	Monson	" 23
			146	Hanson	Dec. 29

1892.		
No.	LOCATION.	CHARTERED
149	Lee	Mar. 23
150	Rutland	May 17
151	Wareham	" 26
152	Leicester	" 27
100	Canton	July 19
153	Uxbridge	Sept. 7
154	North Brookfield	Oct. 9
155	Williamstown	" 21
156	Bourne	" 27
157	Boston	Nov. 19
158	Plainfield	" 22

1893.		
44	Marshfield Hills	Jan. 4
102	Weymouth	" 31
91	South Boston	Oct. 9
159	East Douglass	" 12

1894.		
160	Adams	Mar. 29
162	Sheffield	May 18
83	Groton	May 21
163	Kingston	Aug. 20
164	Northfield	Dec. 20
165	Enfield	" 22

1895.		
75	Lowell	Feb. 5
167	South Deerfield	Apr. 24
169	Bridgewater	June 4

1896.		
No.	LOCATION.	CHARTERED.
81	Belchertown	Jan. 6
170	East Bridgewater	" 7
171	Ashburnham	" 22
172	Malden	May 22
173	Rockport	June 5
88	Boston	Oct. 20

1897.		
129	Pittsfield	Jan. 13
86	Nantucket	April 1
174	South Framingham	Nov. 2

1898.		
<i>None Instituted.</i>		

1899.		
175	Hyannis	June 20

1900.		
108	Abington	Jan. 17

1901.		
118	Webster	Oct. 9

1902.		
<i>None Instituted.</i>		

1903.		
148	Oxford, Charles Devens, May	25
65	Stoneham	July 23
147	Huntington, F. Wolcott, Dec.	1

1904.		
168	West Brookfield	April 30

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

1879-1903.

G.A.R.—W.R.C.

1879.

*JOHN G. B. ADAMS,
Commander,
Lynn.

*JAMES F. MEECH,
Asst. Adjutant-General,
Worcester.

EDWARD T. RAYMOND,
Asst. Quartermaster-General,
Worcester.

SARAH E. FULLER,
President,
East Boston.

*KATHRINA L. BEEDLE,
Secretary,
Cambridge.

MARY F. MERCHANT,
Treasurer,
Fitchburg.

1880.

*JOHN A. HAWES,
Commander,
New Bedford.

*JAMES F. MEECH,
Asst. Adjutant-General.

EDWARD T. RAYMOND,
Asst. Quartermaster-General.

SARAH E. FULLER,
President,
East Boston.

*KATHRINA L. BEEDLE,
Secretary,
Cambridge.

*AMANDA M. THAYER,
Treasurer,
Chelsea.

1881.

GEO. W. CREASEY,
Commander,
Newburyport.

*JAMES F. MEECH,
Asst. Adjutant-General.

EDWARD T. RAYMOND,
Asst. Quartermaster-General.

SARAH E. FULLER,
President,
East Boston.

*PAMELIA F. SPRAGUE,
Secretary,
East Boston.

S. AGNES PARKER,
Treasurer,
Brockton.

1882.

*GEORGE H. PATCH,
Commander,
Saxonville.

*JAMES F. MEECH,
Asst. Adjutant-General.

GEORGE L. GOODALE,
Asst. Quartermaster-General,
Medford.

*E. FLORENCE BARKER,
President,
Malden.

SARAH E. FULLER,
Secretary,
East Boston.

MATILDA E. LAWTON,
Treasurer,
So. Boston.

* Deceased.

1883.

GEORGE S. EVANS,
Commander,
Cambridgeport.
*ALFRED C. MONROE,
Asst. Adjutant-General,
Brockton.
CHARLES O. FELLOWS,
Asst. Quartermaster-General,
Chelsea.

*E. FLORENCE BARKER,
President,
Malden.
SARAH E. FULLER,
Secretary,
East Boston.
MATILDA E. LAWTON,
Treasurer,
So. Boston.

1884.

JOHN D. BILLINGS,
Commander,
Cambridgeport.
*ALFRED C. MONROE,
Asst. Adjutant-General.
*THOMAS E. BARKER,
Asst. Quartermaster-General,
Malden.

M. SUSIE GOODALE,
President,
Medford.
SARAH E. FULLER,
Secretary,
Medford.
MATILDA E. LAWTON,
Treasurer,
So. Boston.

1885.

JOHN W. HERSEY,
Commander,
Springfield.
*ALFRED C. MONROE,
Asst. Adjutant-General.
W. W. SCOTT,
Asst. Quartermaster-General,
Worcester.

M. SUSIE GOODALE,
President,
Medford.
SARAH E. FULLER,
Secretary,
East Boston.
*KATHRINA L. BEEDLE,
Treasurer,
Cambridge.

1886.

*RICHARD F. TOBIN,
Commander,
So. Boston.
*ALFRED C. MONROE,
Asst. Adjutant-General.
JOHN H. O'DONNELL,
Asst. Quartermaster-General,
So. Boston.

S. AGNES PARKER,
President,
Brockton.
MARY E. ELLIOT,
Secretary,
Somerville.
HATTIE A. RALPH,
Treasurer,
Somerville.

1887.

CHARLES D. NASH,
Commander,
So. Abington.
*ALFRED C. MONROE,
Asst. Adjutant-General.
AUGUSTUS H. WRIGHT,
Asst. Quartermaster-General,
Abington.

S. AGNES PARKER,
President,
Brockton.
MARY E. ELLIOT,
Secretary,
Somerville.
HATTIE A. RALPH,
Treasurer,
Somerville.

*Deceased.

1888.

MYRON P. WALKER, <i>Commander,</i> Belchertown.	EMMA B. LOWD, <i>President,</i> Salem.
*ALFRED C. MONROE, <i>Asst. Adjutant-General.</i>	MARY E. ELLIOT, <i>Secretary,</i> Somerville.
EPHRAIM STEARNS, <i>Asst. Quartermaster-General.</i>	HATTIE A. RALPH, <i>Treasurer,</i> Somerville.

1889.

GEORGE L. GOODALE, <i>Commander,</i> Medford.	EMMA B. LOWD, <i>President,</i> Salem.
*ALFRED C. MONROE, <i>Asst. Adjutant-General.</i>	MARY E. ELLIOT, <i>Secretary,</i> Somerville.
CRANMORE N. WALLACE, <i>Asst. Quartermaster-General,</i> So. Braintree.	HARRIETTE L. REED, <i>Treasurer,</i> Dorchester.

1890.

GEORGE H. INNIS, <i>Commander,</i> So. Boston.	MARY E. KNOWLES, <i>President,</i> Charlestown.
*ALFRED C. MONROE, <i>Asst. Adjutant-General.</i>	MARY E. ELLIOT, <i>Secretary,</i> Somerville.
JOHN H. O'DONNELL, <i>Asst. Quartermaster-General,</i> So. Boston.	HARRIETTE L. REED, <i>Treasurer,</i> Dorchester.

1891.

ARTHUR A. SMITH, <i>Commander,</i> Colerain.	AUGUSTA A. WALES, <i>President,</i> Dorchester.
*ALFRED C. MONROE, <i>Asst. Adjutant-General.</i>	MARY E. ELLIOT, <i>Secretary,</i> Somerville.
HUBERT O. MOORE, <i>Asst. Adjutant-General,</i> Lynn.	HARRIETTE L. REED, <i>Treasurer,</i> Dorchester.
E. P. JEWETT, <i>Asst. Quartermaster-General,</i> Foxboro.	

1892.

JAMES K. CHURCHILL, <i>Commander,</i> Worcester.	MARY G. DEANE, <i>President,</i> Fall River.
HUBERT O. MOORE, <i>Asst. Adjutant-General,</i> Lynn.	MARY E. ELLIOT, <i>Secretary,</i> Somerville.
JOHN M. DEANE, <i>Asst. Quartermaster-General,</i> Fall River.	SARAH E. FULLER, <i>Treasurer,</i> Medford.

* Deceased.

1893.

ELI W. HALL, <i>Commander,</i> Lynn.	*EMILY L. CLARK, <i>President,</i> Northampton.
HUBERT O. MOORE, <i>Asst. Adjutant-General,</i> Lynn.	MARY E. ELLIOT, <i>Secretary,</i> Somerville.
*FRANK W. GRAVES, <i>Asst. Quartermaster-General,</i> Woburn.	SARAH E. FULLER, <i>Treasurer,</i> Medford.

1894.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, <i>Commander,</i> Newton.	*CLARE H. BURLEIGH, <i>President,</i> Athol.
HUBERT O. MOORE, <i>Asst. Adjutant-General,</i> Lynn.	MARY E. ELLIOT, <i>Secretary,</i> Somerville.
HENRY W. DOWNS, <i>Asst. Quartermaster-General,</i> Newton.	SARAH E. FULLER, <i>Treasurer,</i> Medford.

1895.

JOSEPH W. THAYER, <i>Commander,</i> Chelsea.	EVA T. COOK, <i>President,</i> Gloucester
HUBERT O. MOORE, <i>Asst. Adjutant-General,</i> Lynn.	MARY E. ELLIOT, <i>Secretary,</i> Somerville.
SILAS A. BARTON, <i>Asst. Quartermaster-General,</i> Waltham.	SARAH E. FULLER, <i>Treasurer,</i> Medford.

1896.

*WILLIAM P. DERBY, <i>Commander,</i> Springfield.	*HELEN A. BRIGHAM, <i>President,</i> Hyde Park.
HUBERT O. MOORE, <i>Asst. Adjutant-General,</i> Lynn.	MARY E. ELLIOT, <i>Secretary,</i> Somerville.
JAMES L. BOWEN, <i>Asst. Quartermaster-General,</i> Springfield.	SARAH E. FULLER, <i>Treasurer,</i> Medford.

1897.

JOHN M. DEANE, <i>Commander,</i> Fall River.	EMILIE L. W. WATERMAN, <i>President,</i> Boston.
HUBERT O. MOORE, <i>Asst. Adjutant-General,</i> Lynn.	MARY E. ELLIOT, <i>Secretary,</i> Somerville.
JAMES N. PARKER, <i>Asst. Quartermaster-General,</i> New Bedford.	SARAH E. FULLER, <i>Treasurer,</i> Medford.

* Deceased.

1898.

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CLARENDON W. PUTNAM, <i>Asst. Quartermaster-General,</i> Worcester.	SARAH E. FULLER, <i>Treasurer,</i> Medford.

1899.

JOHN E. GILMAN, <i>Commander,</i> Roxbury.	ANGIE A. ROBINSON, <i>President,</i> Worcester.
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JOHN ANDERSON, <i>Asst. Quartermaster-General,</i> Belchertown.	SARAH E. FULLER, <i>Treasurer,</i> Medford.

1900.

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1901.

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1903.

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Sumner	1 Fitchburg	Mrs. Harriet H. Hoyt, 92 Charles St.	1st and 3d Thurs. Afts.
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Lawes	3 E. Boston	Mrs. Frances E. Somerby, 36 Central Sq.	2d and 4th Tues. Evgs.
Leabody	4 Georgetown	Mrs. Ellen S. Adams, Main St.	1st and 3d Tues. Afts.
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man	6 Holliston	Mrs. Ada F. Bullard, Fiske St.	1st and 3d Tues. Afts.
Webster	7 Brockton	Mrs. Octavia C. Blair, 433 Ash St.	2d and 4th Fri. Evgs.
orce	8 Middleboro	Mrs. Edith A. Cobb, 2 Murdock St.	2d and 4th Tues. Evgs.
J. Stearns	9 Charlestown	Mrs. Maggie M. Jones, 75 Bartlett St.	1st and 3d Mon. Evgs.
Winthrop	10 Chelsea	Mrs. S. Jessie Crowell, 8 Fitz Terrace	2d and 4th Wed. Evgs.
Ward	11 Worcester	Mrs. Jessie W. Lowell, 18 Crystal St.	2d and 4th Thurs. Afts.
and Robinson	12 Danvers	Mrs. Louise Scamptton, 26 Franklin St.	1st and 3d Thurs. Evgs.
	13 Norwell	Mrs. Eunice W. Studley, Washington St.	{ 1st Tues. Aft. 3d Tues. Evg.
Coax	14 Springfield	Mrs. Alice E. Chapman, 67 Marble St.	1st and 3d Wed. Evgs.
cott	15 Ashland	Mrs. Helen M. Metcalf, Cherry St.	1st, 3d, 5th Mon. Evgs.
ant	16 Melrose	Mrs. Etta K. Cook, 150 Green St.	2d and 4th Tues. Evgs.
gwick	17 Orange	Mrs. Rosalia Rugg, 37 High St.	2d and 4th Tues. Evgs.
cker	18 Northampton	Mrs. Rhoda S. Eldredge, 41 Williams St.	1st and 3d Tues. Evgs.
llace	19 Amesbury	Mrs. Martha A. Silloway, Thompson St.	2d and 4th Mon. Evgs.
1	20 So. Boston	Mrs. Annie E. Higgins, 290 Bowen St.	1st and 3d Tues. Evgs.
C. Kinsley	21 Somerville	Miss Helen A. Lambirth, 37 Kingston St.	{ 2d Thurs. Aft. 4th Thurs. Evg.
	22 Westfield	Mrs. Mary E. Furrows, 17 Prospect St.	2d and 4th Fri. Evgs.
odwin, Jr.	23 Marblehead	Mrs. Maria Wooldridge, 24 Washington St.	1st and 3d Wed. Evgs.
.. Mudge	24 Merrimac	Mrs. Elvira D. Churchill, Main St.	2d and 4th Fri. Evgs.
Rogers	25 Waltham	Mrs. Sarah J. Rice, 12 Russell St.	2d and 4th Wed. Evgs.
rtlett	26 Newburyport	Mrs. Sarah L. Colthrup, 66 Pleasant St.	2d and 4th Tues. Evgs.
H. Smart	27 Cambridgeport	Mrs. Mary A. Donovan, 34 Bigelow St.	1st and 3d Tues. Evgs.
asell Lowell	28 Boston	Miss M. Belle Martin, 31 Hanson St.	2d and 4th Mon. Evgs.
ider	29 Lynn	Mrs. Millie M. Willey, 79 Tracey Ave.	2d and 4th Tues. Evgs.
Chipman,	30 Beverly	Mrs. Sarah A. White, 32 Roundy St.	Every Wednesday Evg.
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D. Sanford	32 North Adams	Mrs. Mary J. Reynolds, 282 Houghton St.	Every Wed. Evg.
. Garfield	33 Lowell	Mrs. Louise H. Blood, 30 Nichols St.	1st and 3d Thurs. Evgs.
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re Appleton	42 Ipswich	Mrs. Mary S. Langdon, Pleasant St.	Every Friday Evg.
Bould	43 Arlington	Mrs. Georgie P. Jacobs, Park Ave., Arlington	1st and 3d Thurs. Afts.

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David Church	44	Marshfield	Mrs. Lizzie C. Lauriat, Marshfield Hills	1st and 3d Wed. A
William A. Streeter	45	Attleboro	Mrs. Lilla F. Crosby, 1 King St.	2d and 4th Wed. E
Gen. E. W. Hincks	46	Saugus	Miss Bertha B. Mansfield, 11 Emory St.	1st and 3d Wed. Ev
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H. S. Greenleaf	48	Colerain	Mrs. Olive E. Howard, Griswoldville	1st and 4th Sat. Af
George S. Boutwell	49	Ayer	Mrs. Louise P. Kennison, Cambridge	1st Evg. and 3d Tu
Union	50	Peabody	Mrs. Mary O. Stevens, 56 Holten St.	2d and 4th Tues. E
J. C. Freeman	51	Provincetown	Mrs. Salome C. Hawes, Freeman St.	2d and 4th Thurs.
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Wm. Logan Rodman	53	New Bedford	Mrs. Minnie F. Saber, 137 Kempton St.	Every Thurs. Evg.
E. Brigham Piper	54	Walpole	Mrs. Maria L. Brummitt, Walpole	2d Tuesday Aft.
Needham	55	Lawrence	Mrs. Minerva L. Congdon, 304 Methuen St.	1st and 3d Tues. E
Ozro Miller	56	Shelburne Falls	Mrs. Luella Meekins, Shelburne Falls	1st and 3d Fri. Ev
Edwin E. Day	57	Greenfield	Mrs. Carrie E. Betts, 5 Maple St.	{ 2d Monday Evg. 4th Tuesday Aft
George C. Strong	58	Easthampton	Mrs. Louise S. Shepard, 264 South Main St.	2d and 4th Mon. E
Isaac B. Patten	59	Watertown	Mrs. Carrie B. Livermore, 11 Centre St.	2d and 4th Tues. E
Edwin Humphrey	60	Hingham	Mrs. Helen M. Wilder, Main St., S. Hingham	1st Thursday Aft.
John Rogers	61	Mansfield	Mrs. Lena B. Hibbert, Mansfield	1st and 3d Thurs.]
Isaac Davis	62	West Acton	Mrs. Kate W. Sawyer, South Acton	{ 1st Mon. Evgs. 1st Wed. Aft. after
Thomas G. Stevenson	63	Roxbury	Mrs. Grace J. Fitts, 29 Edward St., S. Medford	1st and 3d Mon. A
Manton E. Taft	64	Turners Falls	Mrs. Lucy M. Hall, Fourth St.	{ 1st Friday Aft. 3d Monday Evg.
J. P. Gould	65	Stoneham	Mrs. Ida E. Flanders, 25 Maple St.	2d and 4th Fri. Ev
P. Stearns Davis	66	East Cambridge	Mrs. Mary A. Walker, 339 Cambridge St.	2d and 4th Tues. E
Robert A. Bell	67	Boston	Mrs. Mary L. Phillips, 62 Franklin St., Somerville	1st and 3d Wed. E
Benj. Stone, Jr.	68	Dorchester	Mrs. Hattie C. McIntyre, 14 Charles St.	2d and 4th Tues. A
H. M. Warren	69	Wakefield	Mrs. Jennie Pendergrace, 20 Center St.	2d and 4th Thurs.
Clara Barton	70	Warren	Mrs. Mary E. Jennings	1st and 3d Wed. A
Malcolm Ammidown	71	Southbridge	Mrs. Laura E. Reynolds, 49 Central St.	2d and 4th Mon. E
Maj. E. F. Fletcher	72	Milford	Mrs. Ida R. Havner, 282 Main St.	2d and 4th Thurs.
Joe Johnson	73	Northboro	Mrs. Hattie M. Warren, Box 232	1st and 3d Mon. E
George H. Maintien	74	Plainville	Mrs. Katherine E. Morse, South St., Wrentham	1st and 3d Tues. E
B. F. Butler	75	Lowell	Mrs. Elizabeth T. Beane, 212 Tenth St.	2d and 4th Wed. E
L. L. Merrick	76	Palmer	Mrs. Ellen M. Barnes, Palmer	1st and 3d Fri. Ev
Col. Allen	77	Gloucester	Mrs. Martha A. Nichols, 26 Chestnut St.	Every Monday Ev
George K. Bird	78	Norwood	Mrs. Lillian M. Williamson, 106 Market St.	1st and 3d Thurs.
Francis Washburn	79	Brighton	Mrs. Etta B. Lyon, 37 Leicester St.	1st and 3d Tues. E
Arthur G. Biscoe	80	Westboro	Mrs. Abbie M. Blatchford, 41 Summer St.	1st and 3d Tues. A
E. J. Griggs	81	Belchertown	Mrs. Viola I. Shaw, Maple St.	1st Monday Evg.
Hubbard V. Smith	82	Athol	Mrs. Julia Hamilton, 371 Main St.	1st and 3d Tues. E
E. S. Clark	83	Groton	Mrs. Hittie G. Harrington, Groton	{ 1st Tues. Aft. 3d Tues. Evg.
Burbank	84	Woburn	Mrs. Henrietta A. Dickinson, 11 Franklin St.	{ 2d Friday Aft. 4th Friday Evg.
Galen Orr	85	Needham	Mrs. Abbie E. Stanton, Lincoln St.	1st and 3d Thurs.
Thomas M. Gardner	86	Nantucket	Mrs. Cora N. Collins, Box 432.	2d and 4th Mon. E
Charles Sumner	87	Groveland	Mrs. Sarah E. Hopkinson, Chestnut St.	1st and 3d Tues. E
Friedrich Hecker	88	Boston	Mrs. Margaret F. Hesenius, 147 Wordsworth St., E. Boston	1st and 3d Tues. E
Franklin	89	Franklin	Mrs. Hattie Haslam, 69 East St.	1st and 3d Mon. Ev
D. G. Farragut	90	Gardner	Mrs. Mary H. Lathrop, 487 No. Main St.	1st and 3d Wed. A

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ng	92	Montague	Mrs. Lula A. Temple, Montague	2d and 4th Fri. Afts.
	93	Beverly Farms	Mrs. Mary A. Wood, Box 163	1st and 3d Tues. Evgs.
Thayer	94	South Braintree	Mrs. Sarah J. Crossly, Hancock St.	1st and 3d Mon. Evgs.
orce	95	New Bedford	Mrs. Elizabeth P. Sawyer, 236 Pleasant St.	2d and 4th Fri. Evgs.
ow	96	Haverhill	Mrs. Elizabeth A. Harlow, 2 Kenoza Ave.	Every Friday Evg.
J. G. Meade	97	Lexington	Mrs. Mary A. Saville, 526 Massachusetts Ave.	1st and 3d Wed. Afts.
A. Clary	98	Conway	Mrs. Almeda G. Mann, Conway	1st and 3d Wed. Afts.
hn Chambré	99	Stoughton	Mrs. Mabel H. Porter, Walnut St.	2d and 4th Wed. Evgs.
	100	Canton	Mrs. Abbie M. Deane, Canton	1st and 3d Mon. Evgs.
J. Parker	101	Winchendon	Mrs. Belle A. Russell, Linden St.	1st and 3d Thurs. Afts.
3	102	Weymouth	Mrs. Jennie B. Morrill, So. Weymouth	{ 2d Tues. Aft. 4th Thurs. Evg.
vere	103	Quincy	Mrs. Mary A. Fox, 126 Franklin St., So. Quincy	2d and 4th Tues. Evgs.
race C. Lee	104	Huntington	Mrs. Augusta E. Fisk, Mill St.	{ Sat. Aft. on or bef. full moon
Fiske	105	Upton	Mrs. Jennie L. Bailey, Maple Ave., W. Upton	2d and 4th Mon. Evgs.
Borden	106	Fall River	Mrs. Frances E. Jillson, 411 Whipple St.	2d and 4th Mon. Evgs.
S. Sargent	107	West Medway	Mrs. Nettie E. Force, Main St.	1st and 3d Wed. Evgs.
on	108	Abington	Mrs. Della L. Ford, Washington St.	1st and 3d Tues. Evgs.
andler	109	Brookline	Mrs. Eliza S. Bugbee, 31 Allerton St.	1st and 3d Tues. Afts.
race Niles	110	Randolph	Mrs. Martha R. Cartwright, Union St.	{ 1st Thurs. Aft. 3d Thurs. Evg.
E. Simmons	111	Peabroke	Mrs. Gertrude F. Carter, Bryantville	2d and 4th Sat. Evgs.
1	112	Templeton	Mrs. Mira M. Taylor, Baldwinville	2d and 4th Tues. Afts.
P. Rice	113	Westminster	Mrs. M. Nellie Miller, Box 178	2d and 4th Thurs. Afts.
Sargent	114	Essex	Mrs. Mary A. Kimball, Box 207	Every Wednesday Evg.
wton	115	Ware	Mrs. Anna M. Holden, 31 West Main St.	2d and 4th Wed. Evgs.
f. Stanton	116	Amherst	Mrs. S. Jennie Thayer	1st and 3d Wed. Evgs.
M. Whiting	117	N. Attleboro	Mrs. Ella Jillson, 253 Washington St.	1st and 3d Fri. Evgs.
al Lyon	118	Webster	Mrs. Martha J. Nuttle, 26 Elm St.	1st and 3d Thurs. Evgs.
	119	Manchester	Mrs. Ellen I. Horton, Box 378	Every Thurs. Evg.
H. Bartlett	120	Taunton	Mrs. Elizabeth A. Bragg, 64 Berkley St.	2d and last Tues. Afts.
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ckard	123	Avon	Mrs. Esther A. Bryant, High St.	2d and 4th Fri. Afts.
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B. Eaton	126	Revere	Mrs. Katie B. Kennon, Hyde St.	2d and 4th Wed. Afts.
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	128	Reading	Mrs. Susan E. Leonard, Main St.	1st and 3d Tues. Evgs.
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r Johnson	130	Sturbridge	Mrs. Georgie A. Edgerton, Fiskdale	1st and 3d Tues. Evgs.
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Chipman	132	Sandwich	Mrs. Melissa M. Ellis, Grove St.	{ 2d and 4th Sat. Evgs., from April 1 to Nov. 1; 2d and 4th Sat. Afts., from Nov. 1 to April 1
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